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Off-duty Corrections officer shot, injured 1 of 2 suspected burglars. **PAGE 6**

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Yet another Chinese farmer killed

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Another Chinese farmer was killed outside his house in As Lito on Saturday early morning.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release information about the homicide, but a source disclosed that killed was a certain Ding, in his 60s, also known as Papasang.

The source said blunt objects were found next to Ding's body.

The body was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue.

The source said the wife woke up on Saturday at about 6am and looked for Ding.

The wife later saw Ding's body on the ground outside his house.

No one was arrested yet as police are conducting further investigation.

DPS is expected to release more details to the media about the homicide today, Monday.

It's the first homicide case this year in the CNMI.

In November 2014, Hai Ren Li and Cheng You Li, both Chinese farmers,

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Kilili introduces immigration bill in US Congress



JILLIAN L. ANGELINE

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) address the crowd at the Reception in Honor of the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Marianas at the Cannon Caucus Room in Washington, D.C. last Monday.

» **Legislation reflects Gov. Torres' proposals**

By **JILLIAN L. ANGELINE**
CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) introduced immigration legislation Thursday at the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., which he says reflects the goals of CNMI Gov.

Ralph DLG Torres' immigration policy proposals introduced during 902 consultations last month.

"That's the intention of introducing this bill now. It's to mirror the governor's 902 consultation proposal and support and show there is an agreement from Commonwealth

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Quitugua, Taimanao are 2016 Marianas queens



JON PEREZ

Rota's Palanga Taimanao, left, and Peachy Quitugua will be representing the CNMI in various competitions and events after being each crowned as the 2016 Miss Marianas Teen and Miss Marianas, respectively last Saturday night at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

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Peachy Quitugua and Palanga Taimanao begin the second day of their reign each as the 2016 Miss Marianas and Miss Marianas Teen, respectively, after being crowned last Saturday night at the packed Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Quitugua and Taimanao replaced last year's winners—Jian Joyner and Gianna Camacho, respectively. The latter wasn't able to attend the pageant as she was in Mexico and will move to California next month to study biology at the University

of San Francisco.

Joanna Navarro and Marie Aldan were the other two finalists aside from Quitugua vying for the Miss Marianas beauty title, while Nicole Meyers joined Taimanao in the final two contestants for the Miss Marianas Teen.

Quitugua and Taimanao gave the best response that earned the admiration of majority of the five judges in the final question-and-answer portion.

Quitugua said she would focus on bringing back the people of the CNMI when asked what the Commonwealth's master plan should

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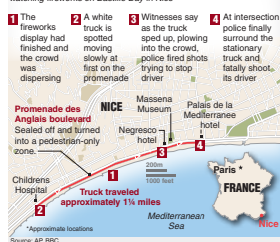
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The inaugural Marianas Trench Fishing & Seafood Festival aims to get the people of the CNMI back to eating more products from the sea.

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Bastille Day terror in Nice

At least 84 dead and 202 injured as a truck plows into crowds watching fireworks on Bastille Day in Nice



WORLD

Seeking to quell fear and criticism, the French government called up thousands of police reserves Saturday to increase security around the country.

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Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin are officially uncoupled after a judge finalized their divorce.

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Local

Torres signs law to create commission to evaluate compensation of top govt officials

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law Thursday a bill to establish an advisory commission on the compensation of the governor, lieutenant governor, mayors, legislators, justices, and judges.

Senate Bill 19-42, SD1,HD2, authored by Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan) is now Public Law 19-51 and intends to review and make recommendation on the compensation of these officials in the three branches of local government.

According to the new law, within a month of its enactment, the governor will appoint three members to serve on the commission, two members will be appointed by the Senate president, and two members will be appointed by the House speaker.

Commission members will serve without pay but will be reimbursed for reasonably and necessary expenses incurred doing performance of their duties, the bill says.

The commission is given powers to review, study, and evaluate the level of compensation, report and make a recommendation on this after consultation with the governor and presiding officers of the Legislature; report and recommend to the Legislature an accepted composite price index for the period since the initial or last change in compensation for any of these officials; and transmit its report to the legislature within 60 days.

The commission will be dissolved 30 days from the date their report is officially transmitted.

Public Law 7-31 increased the annual salaries of lawmakers to \$39,300, the annual salary of the governor to \$70,000, and the annual salary of the lieutenant governor to \$60,000.

The 7th Legislature was the last time the salaries of the governor, lieutenant governor, and legislators were increased. *(Dennis B. Chan)*



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority

Tourism is everybody's business.



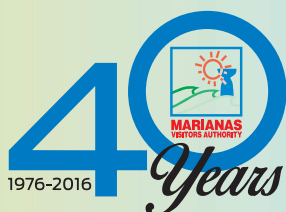
Korean Golf FAM Tour



The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) organized a golf FAM (familiarization) tour on June 22-26, 2016, inviting key golf travel agents and media. The tour was organized to promote and raise awareness of the golf courses in the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), as well as to provide up-to-date information on the destination.

Eleven participants received hands-on experience of Saipan's beautiful courses by playing 18 holes at Coral Ocean Golf Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa and Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort. In addition to rounds of golf, the participants inspected resort facilities and visited major travel attractions. A representative from the MVA's office in Korea also briefed the group about the NMI's upcoming developments, including new hotels and a casino.

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VOICES: Katrina S. Punzalan



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Katrina Punzalan, 19, is flanked by her mother, father, and siblings after graduating from Saipan Southern High School last year. She currently attends the University of Washington.

Editor's note: In Saipan Tribune's latest weekly series, "Voices" shares the stories of those in the CW community and sheds light on the humanitarian crisis in the CNMI.

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Katrina S. Punzalan walks on the large University of Washington campus with a heavy heart. It's not her classes that worry her, though. Her parents are contract workers who've lived in the CNMI since the 1990s. Punzalan, a Saipan Southern High School alumna, was active in her school and around her island home where she was born.

Her mother, Riza, works as a general manager and her father, Danny, works for a security agency.

"They've worked here, lived here, and raised all three of me and my siblings here for over 20 years and still there are policies that don't care about that and want to chase them out," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

"The connotations that come with the CW cap are very complicated for them. It would not be easy resettling somewhere else after making a home out of a place, the uncertainty behind that definitely makes things very unsettling," the 19-year-old added.

Punzalan, who is pursuing a double major in Law, Societies, & Justice and American Ethnic Studies, explained that she feels "unsafe" to some degree. She said that some of the most vocal people in the conversation have made families like hers feel unwelcome.

In her recent studies, Punzalan noted that she is more

aware of the dynamics that affect the CNMI in regards to immigration and race.

"...we're so racially diverse, but that diversity is actually what makes the connotations of this conflict so unique. It's people of color being pitted against other people of color, I think. Racism just goes over people's heads. If we were more set on calling people out when they say something ignorant or racist, I think we would have an environment that would not thrive as much on racism and xenophobia to the point that we have issues like the CW cap

that reflect it. I do think it's now more than ever that our community needs to prove its cohesiveness," she added.

With a situation she described as "fickle," Punzalan is unsure if she will return to the islands after completing her education like she initially planned.

Punzalan also worries about her family's ability to continue funding her university education.

"Now even more pressure is placed on my family to save up because the threat of deportation is filled with so much uncertainty. It also got me thinking about my own

future," she said.

She told *Saipan Tribune* that her family is hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst. Punzalan expressed concern for the well being of her siblings, who speak Tagalog as a second language and consider Saipan their home as well.

"That scares me a bit because I like school a lot. I'm hoping to do a thesis on the subject of Asian migration to the CNMI for one of my majors before I graduate. I'd really like to accomplish that."

In discussing her circumstances with peers in similar situations, Punzalan said that many youth are unsettled that

the place they've called home for so long can "put their families in such a limbo."

Punzalan said that she is overwhelmed by the community's response. She added, "I'm so grateful to the members of the local community who have been supporting the plight of the CW, even at the cost of political and community opposition."

Punzalan noted, however, that more can be done. "...History repeats itself if we don't learn from it. Xenophobia is not the answer. I really do believe that the CWs on Saipan have done nothing but give to these islands, even as disenfranchised individuals,"

she explained.

She said that she appreciates the action taken by the local administration, but is not satisfied. "If the primary politicians with the power to move this issue in the right direction were to do their jobs with that sort of relentless service to the community, I think more could be accomplished."

Punzalan hopes that the islands' immigration policies one day reflect that there is a place for the CW community and their families. She said, "We don't have to chase for the economic surge of American cities at the price of choosing privilege and racism over love and community."

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NMC to host college info sessions, placement tests on Rota

Northern Marianas College will be hosting information sessions and placement tests this week (July 18-20, 2016) in Rota for community members who are interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers.

The info sessions will be held on the following date and time:

■ Monday, July 18, 2016 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Sinapalo Youth Center (Rota)

■ Tuesday, July 19, 2016 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at As Paris, Songsong Village (Rota)

The placement tests will be held on the following dates and times:

■ Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 9am and 1:30pm at the Rota NMC Campus

■ Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 8am at the Rota NMC Campus

The information sessions, which are open to all prospec-

tive students and community members, will provide information about NMC's admissions process, finding money for college, and NMC's degree programs. There will also be a discussion about NMC's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) program, which awards college credit based on an

evaluation of college-level knowledge and skill individuals have gained outside the classroom.

Those who attend will qualify to receive a waiver of NMC's admission application fee and placement test fees. The waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

College faculty, staff, and students from the different degree and certificate programs at NMC, as well as Student Services representatives from counseling, financial aid, and admissions, will also be on hand to provide helpful information and answer questions. *(PR)*

Military exercises at FDM on July 19, 21

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting military exercises at Farallon de Mendinilla. The schedule dates and time are as followed:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	UNIT'S & TRAINING
July 19	9am-9pm	FDM	69 EBS Military Training
July 21	9am-9pm	FDM	69 EBS Military Training

The general location of this activity will be at FDM on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Due to the danger imposed by these activities, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is strongly advising the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators to stay away from these areas during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CNMI Emergency Operation Center- Dispatch Center at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. *(PR)*

US Air Force in the Pacific gets new top commander

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (AP)—A fighter pilot and former U.S. Air Force commander in South Korea has taken over as the top U.S. Air Force leader in the Pacific.

Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy assumed command of Pacific Air Forces during a ceremony on Tuesday.

Adm. Harry Harris of

the U.S. Pacific Command praised O'Shaughnessy for his "strong and measured responses" to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un when he led the U.S. 7th Air Force in South Korea.

Harris said the recent deployment of F-22 Raptor jets to the Korean peninsula served as an example of O'Shaughnessy's "under-

standing of the challenge that exists there and how we can meet it with air power."

"He definitely has the in-theater experience and the right touch needed in this job," Harris told a crowd gathered the ceremony on a field overlooking Pearl Harbor. Harris leads all U.S. troops in the region as the head of the Pacific Command.

O'Shaughnessy previously served as the Pacific Command's director of operations. The 1986 Air Force Academy graduate has more than 3,000 hours of flying the F-16 Falcon, including 186 combat hours over Iraq.

Pacific Air Forces includes airmen and civilians stationed in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Japan and South Korea.

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officials on this policy," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan clarifies he dropped the bill at Congress, a form of introducing the bill. "You drop the bill and the Parliamentarian takes it and assigns it to a committee and then it's referred to Committee on Judiciary because it has to do with immigration."

H.R. 5888 calls for amending section 6 of "A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes."

The bill includes a request to extend the federally mandated immigration phase out deadline from 2019 to 2029. The legislation does increase the cap to 18,000 contract workers from the current numerical limit of 12,999. On May 20, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced they reached the CW-1 cap through petitions received up until May 5, 2016. H.R. 5888 also calls for foreign workers to be paid the prevailing wage,

a little higher than the minimum wage in the CNMI.

The congressman was planning to introduce the bill back in June, but a last-minute change to Torres' proposal before Section 902 talks meant the congressional bill had to undergo some fixes as well. Just days before the start to Section 902 consultations in Washington, D.C. in June, Torres added to his position paper a request for lawful permanent status for long-term third country nationals in the Northern Marianas. Sablan says he had to take the bill to the House Office of the Legislative Counsel for the revisions to reflect Torres' request for improved status.

The congressman confirms in a phone interview, "It provides them an opportunity to apply for first Northern Marianas residency and then after a certain period, apply for green card." If the bill is passed, Sablan says the path to permanent residency could be about five years. "It allows them to apply and could qualify if everything's okay," he further explains to *Saipan Tribune*, telling us the bill does not provide automatic residency or a green card right away.

However, Sablan says the realistic chances immigration legislation is enacted into the current Congress "is slim," as he calls the legislation he introduced complex. He also points to the total of 13 weeks off for Congress between now and the November presidential election. But he does say immigration is currently a hotly contested issue in the United States.

With a planned path for improved status for foreign workers in H.R. 5888, there's also a provision involving training funds and how they are used to usher in U.S. workers to the Commonwealth. Sablan's Chief of Staff, Bob Schwalbach, says with the contract worker phase out deadline currently at 2019, the number of U.S. workers still has not changed much.

As for more immediate administrative fixes to the contract worker crisis in the CNMI, Sablan says he continues to work with USCIS personnel. The congressman says he is still waiting to hear back from them about a letter he sent in May after the agency announced they reached the CW-1 cap for fiscal year 2016. "I hope it's sooner rather than later," he tells *Saipan Tribune*.

"While they work this out, they won't say what they're going to do or if they're going to do anything at all. But I would hope that, over the years I have worked with these people, they have been very careful, but they have also been very caring. And I'm going to wait for a response to my letter."

Business leaders have issued their frustrations the majority of the 12,999 contract workers in the numerical limit would be construction workers next year if nothing is done. It was just last month Tan Holdings vice president Alex Sablan told media "This will collapse our economy. There is no if, buts about it."

Business leaders with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management determined there are about 1,300 foreign workers whose status expires between May 5 and Oct. 1 this year. This data does not include family members, according to a joint resolution released by the groups in June. Media has learned families are already split up as the crisis continues.

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focus on in the next 20 to 30 years.

"I would focus on bringing back people of the CNMI who belong here for them to help in making a better future to all," said the 21-year-old magna cum laude graduate of an Associate Degree in Nursing at the Northern Marianas College.

She also collected six of the eight special awards as she was judged the best in Evening Wear, Swimwear, National Costume, Talent, Best Hair, and Stellar Star for a total cash prize of \$1,500.

Navarro, who was the first runner-up for \$500, was named Miss Photogenic, while second runner-up (\$300) Aldan was Miss Friendship. Each also received beauty baskets from Tresemme and T Galleria.

Taimanao, for her part, in the final question-and-answer portion where they were asked what story from the CNMI's colorful legends would she wanted to share to everyone, said that she would tell about the legend of Matua.

"Matua showed everyone that he can stand as a strong chief to prove the people wrong. He showed that he's more than the little boy that was afraid to pick up a coconut crab," added Taimanao, the 16-year-old daughter of Efraim S. and Cecile Blas-Taimanao.

Taimanao is an incoming senior at the Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior-Senior High School in Rota and has plans of entering the U.S. Army when she graduates next year to serve

her country.

Meyers is the first runner-up aside from winning the Miss Marianas Teen Evening Wear and Swimwear competitions. She collected a total cash prize of \$600, T Galleria gift packs, and a model portfolio for Iridescent Boutique.

Lexee Lee-Sang, the 17-year-old daughter of Dexter Lee-Sang and Kanoa Resort general manager Wendi Herring, was the pageant's Miss Congeniality to win \$100 and a T Galleria gift pack. She was also awarded the Best in Talent.

Taimanao won four of the eight special awards at stake—Miss Marianas Teen Stellar Star, Photogenic, Tresemme Best Hair, and Best in Fun Fashion—to bring home an additional \$300 aside from the \$1,000 she collected as this year's title holder.

The Miss Marianas Teen and Miss Marianas will represent the CNMI in international beauty pageants with the former also getting all-expense paid travel opportunities by the Marianas Visitors Authority's off-island activities and events.

Angelyn Laadan, Francine Sablan, and Maricris Zapanta were the other Miss Marianas contestants, while Jyawnna Joyner is the other Miss Marianas Teen candidate.

T Galleria's senior makeup artist Divana Manglona Dela Cruz, IT&E executive director of customer operations Robert C. Harrell, DFS Saipan general manager Milan Rabold, Triple J marketing manager Iliana Pacheco, and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters executive vice president and general manager Shirley T. Sablan were the judges.

FARMER

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were murdered and dumped at the old runway in Koblerville.

Hai Ren Li and Cheng You Li were last seen in the afternoon of Oct. 31, 2014, when they left their respective houses in As Lito and San Antonio to work at their farm in As Gonno between 12pm and 2:30pm.

On Nov. 1, 2014, part of a large group of the Chinese community that helped in the search found Hai Ren Li's Toyota Tacoma that was abandoned under some tangle-tangle trees a few steps away from the side of Magisa Drive in As Gonno.

On Feb. 23, 2014, Guo Huang Xu and his wife, Qing Xiu Zheng, both farmers, were found charred in their house that was razed to the ground by fire. Police classified the case as double homicide.

On Dec. 8, 2012, couple Jun Li Yang and Jing Liu were found murdered inside their

home in San Vicente. Jing Liu was president, treasurer, and secretary of a company that was planning to put up a recycling center and engaged in apartment rental.

All these homicides along with several missing persons involving Chinese remain unsolved.

In April last year, two homicides in a row stunned the community when a security guard was fatally shot by a masked man during an attempted robbery at Royal Poker in Afetnas, just a day after police discovered that Ana Maria Limes was killed in her house in Oleai.

James Patrick Deleon Guerrero, 39, was shot in the back and was found dead inside the restroom of the poker establishment, where he tried to hide from the armed suspect.

The killing of Deleon Guerrero remains unsolved.

Limes' husband, Sylvester R. Sablan, was tagged as the suspect in her killing, but until today, he was not formally charged over her death.

CUC staff arrested for allegedly burglarizing lawyer's house

A Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew, who was tagged as the suspect in the burglary at a house of a lawyer, allegedly stole a CUC vehicle and ended up colliding into a police car, injuring a police officer during a high-speed chase in Papago on Thursday morning.

Daro Reyes Cabrera, 37, was arrested for burglary and theft. Additional charges are expected to be filed against him in connection with the stealing of the CUC vehicle and the car chase.

Sources said Police Officer Rudolfo Hermosilla, who served the arrest warrant on Cabrera, was injured in the left hand during the collision.

The police car sustained extensive damage and was taken to the Department of Public Safety's impound lot in Lower Base. The CUC's vehicle had moderate damage, sources said.

The burglary victim, attorney Bruce Berline, lost his brown Timberland Hudson commuter leather wallet worth \$9.50, \$150 to \$300 in cash, CNMI driver's license, blue Citi Bank credit card, an American Express Gold Delta Sky Miles credit card, a First Hawaiian Bank credit card, a Smiles card, a Shell rewards card, and a Subway card.

At a hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$20,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for July 20 at 1:30pm.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed as counsel for Cabrera. Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub appeared for the government.

Police Detective Jesus K. Wabol stated in his report that last July 3 at 9:23am, a police officer responded to a burglary incident at the house of attorney Bruce Berline in Puerto Rico.

Wabol said investigation showed that on July 3 at 7:30am, Berline was looking for his wallet, which he placed on the dining table, but was no longer there.

Upon reviewing the surveillance equipment at the house, the footage showed a man climbing in through Berline's living room window at 6:27am and stealing the wallet from the dinner table.

The suspect then climbed back on the same window at 6:28am.

After seeing the footage, Berline went to his neighbor, who identified the person climbing the house and stealing his wallet as Cabrera.

Cabrera at that time was wearing a black T-shirt with "Ninja" clearly visible on front portion of it. He had a dark pair of long pants, along with black slippers, which he took off and tucked in between his pants and lower back. He had very short hair and sported a mustache and goatee.

Wabol said that last July 10 he and Criminal Investigation

Bureau commander Detective J. Olopai went to the house of Ca-

brera's mother in Upper Dandan. Wabol said a former police

officer identified the person in the footage as his half brother Cabrera.

The half brother said he al-

ready saw the same footage on the news.

Last Wednesday, Police Officer Jason Tarkong announced

that police are now hunting down Cabrera in connection with the Puerto Rico burglary incident. *(Ferdie De La Torre)*



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New flight launches boost June 2016 visitor arrivals by 8 pct

Visitors arrivals to the CNMI increased 8 percent in June 2016 compared to June 2015. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 41,502 visitors in June 2016, compared to 38,342 visitors received in June 2015.

Arrivals from Korea posted their strongest month so far this year, jumping 33 percent in June to 18,556 visitors. June 9 marked the launch of direct daily flights from Seoul by Korean Air's low-cost carrier Jin Air. Also, Asiana Airlines has returned

to double daily service for Incheon-Saipan in the summer season. Based on the increased airlift out of the market, arrivals from Korea to the CNMI are projected to remain extremely strong through the end of this year, before rising even further with the anticipated launch of additional new airlift from two new airlines at the end of the year.

Arrivals from China increased 2 percent compared to June 2015 to 15,145 visitors.

Philippine Airlines launched regularly sched-

uled service from Manila on June 15, and Hong Kong Airlines launched charter flights from Hong Kong to Saipan on July 6, with both of these new flights heavily booked by mainland Chinese visitors. Dynamic Airways launched new charter flights from Nanjing to Saipan during the month of July, as well as from Hangzhou to Saipan from July 16. As a result, the number of Chinese visitors this summer to the CNMI is expected to rapidly rise.

Arrivals from Japan fell 25 percent to 4,708 visi-

tors as the NMI continues to feel the effect of Delta Air Lines cutting its Narita to Saipan night flight last October, a move that dropped airlift from the Japan market to just one daily flight. The MVA's Japan office has implemented a major YouTube campaign directing consumers to special promotional pages on the Japan website, where information about each travel agency's tour products to the CNMI are introduced, together with a \$50 coupon present campaign. The MVA is working hand-in-hand with Delta Air Lines

and key agents to launch a large scale promotional campaign designed to secure the

re-instatement of the second Narita flight by Delta during the coming months. **(PR)**

Off-duty Corrections officer shot, injured 1 of 2 suspected burglars

An off-duty law enforcement officer shot and injured one of two masked men who allegedly burglarized his house in Koblerville and tried to steal his lawnmower and car on Friday early morning.

Police Officer Jason Tarkong yesterday confirmed about the burglary that resulted in injury.

Tarkong said he would not confirm whether a gun was involved until Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero approved the release of the report.

Tarkong said he will release more details such as the name

of the victim and the suspect when commissioner Guerrero would give him the go signal.

Guerrero is currently off-island.

Sources said shot on the leg is a son of a member of the House of Representatives.

Sources said the 25-year-old Corrections officer was sleeping at his house when he was awakened by noise at 3am.

The officer saw two masked men who tried to steal his lawnmower and confronted them.

One of the masked men got into "an incident" with the officer, sources said. **(Ferdie De La Torre)**

Masga is new DEQ director

The administrator of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality has appointed a new director to helm its Division of Environmental Quality.

BECQ administrator Frank M. Rabauliman last July 5 appointed Ray S. Masga to the director position.

The July 5 memorandum to bureau staff notes that Masga has been serving as acting director for DEQ for the past several months.

Masga has also been site assessment and remediation branch manager for several years, BECQ said. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,	: CIVIL ACTION
-v-	: NO. 14-0080
RAMON M. SAKISAT, aka MARTIN RAMON M. SAKISAT, and the ESTATE of FRANCISCA T. SAKISAT, Defendants.	:

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Petitioner,	: NO. 16-0276
vs.	: SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
TAKISANG BABRA	: Respondent,

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Torres signs bill to beef up anti-litter law

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres last week signed into law amendments to the CNMI's Litter Control Act to beef up enforcement and improve the efficacy of the litter control program.

House Bill 19-26, SD1, is now Public Law 19-53 and encourages enforcement of the litter control act by decreasing the minimum fine for littering and giving the court the discretion to impose community service in additional or in lieu of monetary fines.

The bill also authorizes the creation of the Litter Control Program Fund account into which a portion of litter control fines will be deposited to support the administration and enforcement of that act.

It also seeks to clarify positions of the law which has "caused confusion" in court and among agencies enforcing the anti-littering law.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) authored the bill.

In the bill's findings, Demapan writes that the "minimal and sporadic" enforcement of the litter control act, saying that the program had

been severely underfunded with no portion of the fines collected dedicated to support of the law.

The bill noted that minimum fines for the violations of the act were \$200, plus the possibility of community service not to exceed eight hours for each offense, and the court had no authority to suspend fines.

"The unintended consequence of these penalty provisions is that Litter Control Officers are often reluctant to issue citations, preferring instead to educate violators and issue warnings, and pros-

ecuting attorneys are often reluctant to pursue community service orders in addition to the considerable fine that the defendant would have to pay," the bill says.

The bill noted that since the Litter Control Act was signed into law, an average of only six citations have been issued annually since 1997.

Within my first 30 days in office," says Demapan, "I pre-filed House Bill 19-26 to amend the Commonwealth Litter Control Act of 1989 and to improve enforcement by setting a range for fines and giving the courts the discretion to impose community service in addition to, or in lieu of monetary fines. I also included language to create a Litter Control Program Fund

account into which a portion of litter control fines will be deposited to support the administration and enforcement of the program.

"Today, the vision for a cleaner and greener CNMI is more possible with the enactment of HB 19-26 into

Public Law 19-53, approved by Governor Ralph DeLeon Guerrero Torres on July 15, 2016. We must make every effort to make our islands a cleaner, healthier, and safer place to live, work, and play," he said in a statement to *Saipan Tribune*.

Torres signs bill to create solid waste transfer stations in Kagman, southern part of Saipan

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on Thursday signed into law a Senate bill to establish a solid waste transfer station in the southern part of Saipan and in Kagman.

Public Law 19-52, formerly Senate bill 19-11 and authored Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), tasks the secretary of the Department of Public Works to conduct a feasibility study—that includes but is not limited to identifying a site in

Kagman and the southern part of Saipan—design and construction plan, and the estimated cost of solid waste transfer station in the southern part of Saipan and Kagman.

The law says that upon the identification and selection of suitable station sites, the secretary of the Department of Public Lands will convey the required public lands to the Public Works.

It gives the DPW 180 days after enactment of the law to complete the feasibility study, and says the identification,

selection, and conveyance of public lands for the transfer stations will be executed within 60 days after completion of the study.

The bill notes that illegal dumping of solid waste is a prevalent problem in Kagman and in the southern part of Saipan and that the Lower Base transfer station does not provide convenience to residents living in the southern part of Saipan like Koblerville, Dandan, San Vicente, and San Antonio and those who live in the Kagman area.



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Probable cause found to charge man over sexual abuse of 8-year-old girl

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho on Friday found probable cause to charge 44-year-old Gilbert Sablan Pinaula for sexually abusing an 8-year-old girl.

At a preliminary hearing, Camacho found probable cause to believe that the crimes of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree and disturbing the peace were committed and that Pinaula may have committed the offenses.

Camacho ordered the defendant to answer the charges.

Camacho said to establish probable cause for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, the government must present evidence such as the date of the offense; that the offense happened in the CNMI; that Pinaula was 18

year or older; the alleged victim was under 16 years old; there was sexual penetration, however slight, of the alleged victim's private part; and that defendant was a member of the household or that she was aware of the defendant's position of authority.

Camacho said assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub indicated that the case is based on Pinaula being a member of the household and that the government was not charging him under the sub-section of position of authority.

Camacho dismissed without prejudice sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree because it is a lesser included of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

It means that it is not neces-

sary to charge sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, as sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree is already included in sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

Arraignment will be on July 18 at 9am. After the hearing, Pinaula was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark appeared as counsel for Pinaula.

Camacho noted that Weintraub was prepared in making sure that all the elements of the offense were presented as evidence.

Weintraub called to the witness stand police detective Catherine Pangelinan, who narrated to the court the investigation that led to defen-

dant's arrest.

In the footnote of his order, just like in a separate as a sexual abuse of a minor case, Camacho compared the issue of the government's preparedness in Pinaula's case to the case against former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and former police officer Jesse S. Concepcion.

The judge noted that in the case against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion involving the same charge, during the preliminary hearing the prosecutors failed to completely present all the essential elements of the offense.

Camacho said when the government fails to present all the essential elements at the preliminary hearing, the law

requires that the charge be dismissed without prejudice.

Camacho said when a charge is dismissed without prejudice it means that the Office of the Attorney General can re-file the case.

As of Friday, the judge pointed out, the OAG has not re-filed the charges against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion.

Camacho found no probable cause as to the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree and other charges against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion.

In Pinaula's case, detective Pangelinan stated in her report that the 8-year girl and her mother were both crying and shaking when they boarded police car that responded to assist them near Cool Laundry

in Finasisu last June 29.

Pangelinan said a patrol car transported the 8-year-old girl and her mother to the Commonwealth Health Center's examination room last June 29.

Pangelinan said in the examination room, the mother was hugging her daughter, and both were crying.

Pangelinan said the mother disclosed that she noticed that her daughter was feeling sick and she knew something was wrong so she begged her to tell her what happen.

The detective said the daughter cried and confessed that Pinaula sexually assaulted her. The girl also disclosed that it was the second time that the defendant touched her private part. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Torres, Castro jointly sign Probation and Parole Supervision Week

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres and CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro on Friday jointly signed a proclamation declaring July 17 to 23 as Probation and Parole Supervision Week.

Torres and Castro noted that community corrections professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community.

Torres and Castro said community corrections professionals are a true force for positive change in their communities.

The governor congratulated probation and parole officers and urged them to continue work hard in supervising adult

and juvenile offenders in the community.

Castro described the probation and parole officers as the "forgotten law enforcement officers."

Castro said when the criminal justice process starts rolling, the limelight focuses on the infantry division, which is the Department of Public Safety that makes the investigations and arrests.

Castro said the media's focus or the limelight focus will then go to the courts.

The chief justice said after a defendant is sentenced, the case just like "disappeared from the face of the planet" as everyone forgot the term

of sentence and the police officer or prosecutor who did a good job.

"I am so happy to be with you probation, parole officers this morning because I think I am those people that are guilty of not saying thank you for a job well done," Castro said.

Castro said the job of probation and parole officers is as important as the infantry division when DPS address or investigate cases.

The chief justice said the job of probation and parole officers is very important because when people go to sleep at night they are awake and working, to make sure that

those people, not only complying terms and conditions imposed by the courts, but they are also helping them, teaching them to become a productive citizen of the community.

"That is a tough job," Castro pointed out.

U.S. Probation Officer Margarita Wonenberg delivered the inspirational remarks on behalf of U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, who was off-island on Friday.

Manglona said the CNMI's community, like many others in the nation, face overwhelming challenges of prison overpopulation, exorbitant costs of

incarceration, and high rates of recidivism in offender population.

"It is our best interest to effectuate change not only by imposing prison terms, but by allowing for changes in offenders according to their individual circumstances," she said.

Manglona said probation and parole officers wear many hats as they reinforce positive behavior and encourage changes in those they supervise while making sure that community safety is preserved.

She said these professionals provide guidance, mentoring, supervision, and direction to

offenders, and they must work to address issues that may affect successful outcomes.

Manglona acknowledged the critical roles that the probation and parole officers have in the lives of juvenile delinquents, and adult offenders and defendants.

Christina D. Sakaziro shared her success story during the ceremony. She said she used to be struggling with alcohol and having issues, including driving under the influence (DUI).

Sakaziro said Probation Officer Oscar Torres served like a big brother to her by guiding her path. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres and Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro pose for a group photo with lawmakers, dignitaries, and probation and parole officers during a proclamation signing for Probation and Parole Supervision Week on Friday in the CNMI Supreme Court.

Community urged to get back to eating seafood

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

The inaugural Marianas Trench Fishing & Seafood Festival aims to get the people of the CNMI back to eating more products from the sea like the different varieties of edible fish found in the waters that surround the islands.

KKMP radio host Gary Sword, one of the event organizers, said they are hoping to promote the benefits of seafood especially to the younger generation. "Traditionally, Pacific islanders are fishermen. So it is better for us to enjoy the bountiful fruits of the sea."

"We're hoping this event would help people get back to before where eating fish was part of every meal. Fish is a nutritious, tasty, and good food," said Sword, who added that fish and other seafood could be cooked and prepared in a variety of ways for everyone to enjoy.

Increasing awareness in taking care of the ocean is also part of the event's goals. "We must keep the ocean clean. It is the fish's habitat. If you throw your trash there in the ocean and the fish eats it, somehow you're eating trash."

Sword said their original plan was to have the festival as a side event of this year's 32nd Saipan International Fishing Derby held last weekend. "But there are rules and regulation at the American Memorial Park so we decided to hold it one week after."

"And judging from the crowd's reception, people want this kind of thing. It can stand on its own and we could either hold it before or after the fishing derby. It will be another event that the community could look forward to every year," he added.

"We are thankful for the community who came out and supported us, and to all the sponsors that helped us in organizing this event. KKMP is a radio station of the people, they support us and we support them."

He added Hawaii has been doing the event for seven years now and he thought of doing it

on Saipan after he visited the 50th state of U.S. three years ago. "It took us four months to plan this. We're hoping to have a bigger and better event for next year."

Different varieties of fish were also on display like yellow fin tuna, blue marlin, dog-tooth tuna, jabfish, and gindai. A cooking contest was also held with contestants must have their own version of poki and one signature dish for the open category.

Patrick Cepeda won the amateur chef category to bring home the \$300 cash prize, while Hyatt Regency Saipan's Jonathan Borja and Kevin Patubol ruled the master chef division and shared the \$300 champion's purse.

"We thank chef Ty [Pauling] and Gabriel [Colombo] for convincing us to compete," said Borja, one of the products of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute. Both he and Patubol are cooks at Kili Café.

Kanoa Resort's Romeo Cabrera and Sonny Encarnacion

came in second, while Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Orly Abiera came in third. John Reyes did not compete but just let people taste his "Fantasy" fish dish and received a special award.

"This is a recipe that was passed on by my father, who got it from my grandfather, who then learned it from my great grandfather. It was handed down from generation to generation," said Reyes,

who used yellow fin and kamias that is sometimes used to cooking sinigang.

"I'm now 67 years old and I learned how to fish when I was 7 since traditionally Chamorro boys are taught how to fish. I just joined here so I could let people taste my dish that we learned from my great grandparents."

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The Petition To Appoint) CIVIL ACTION
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Notice is hereby given that the
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on July 28, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in
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Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2016.

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A final D.B. Cooper moment (but maybe not)

He disappeared with the money. That's why the legend of D.B. Cooper endures.

He jumped out the back of a passenger jet with \$200,000 — the money strapped to his body — and if he didn't cackle as he leaped ("So long, suckers!"), well, he should have. He deserved that moment of satisfaction as he bailed out on civilization somewhere over the northwestern U.S. in 1971.

Raise your hand if a version of the D.B. Cooper moment exists in the recesses of your imagination, to be accessed, if only once and for a second, during trying times. Nothing criminal, of course, or dangerous, or even permanent. But plotting your well-funded escape and leaving them all to wonder? Could feel pretty good, if only for an hour or two. So long, suckers!

The FBI has spent these 45 years searching in vain for D.B. Cooper — long enough to finally acknowledge that the mystery may never be solved. As of this week, the agency announced Wednesday, it has "redirected resources allocated to the D.B. Cooper case to focus on other investigative priorities."

You can't blame investigators for giving up. Cooper would be about 90 today if alive. There are no new leads to follow. Decide for yourself what may have happened on Nov. 24, 1971:

That afternoon, a man in his mid-40s wearing a dark suit and black tie settled into his seat on a Northwest Orient Airlines flight from Portland, Ore., to Seattle. He ordered a bourbon and soda and then, after takeoff, hijacked the plane, claiming he had a bomb in his attached case. He demanded \$200,000 in \$20 bills and four parachutes. After landing in Seattle to exchange the passengers for his loot and chutes, he ordered the plane to fly to Mexico City. Somewhere between Seattle and Reno he jumped.

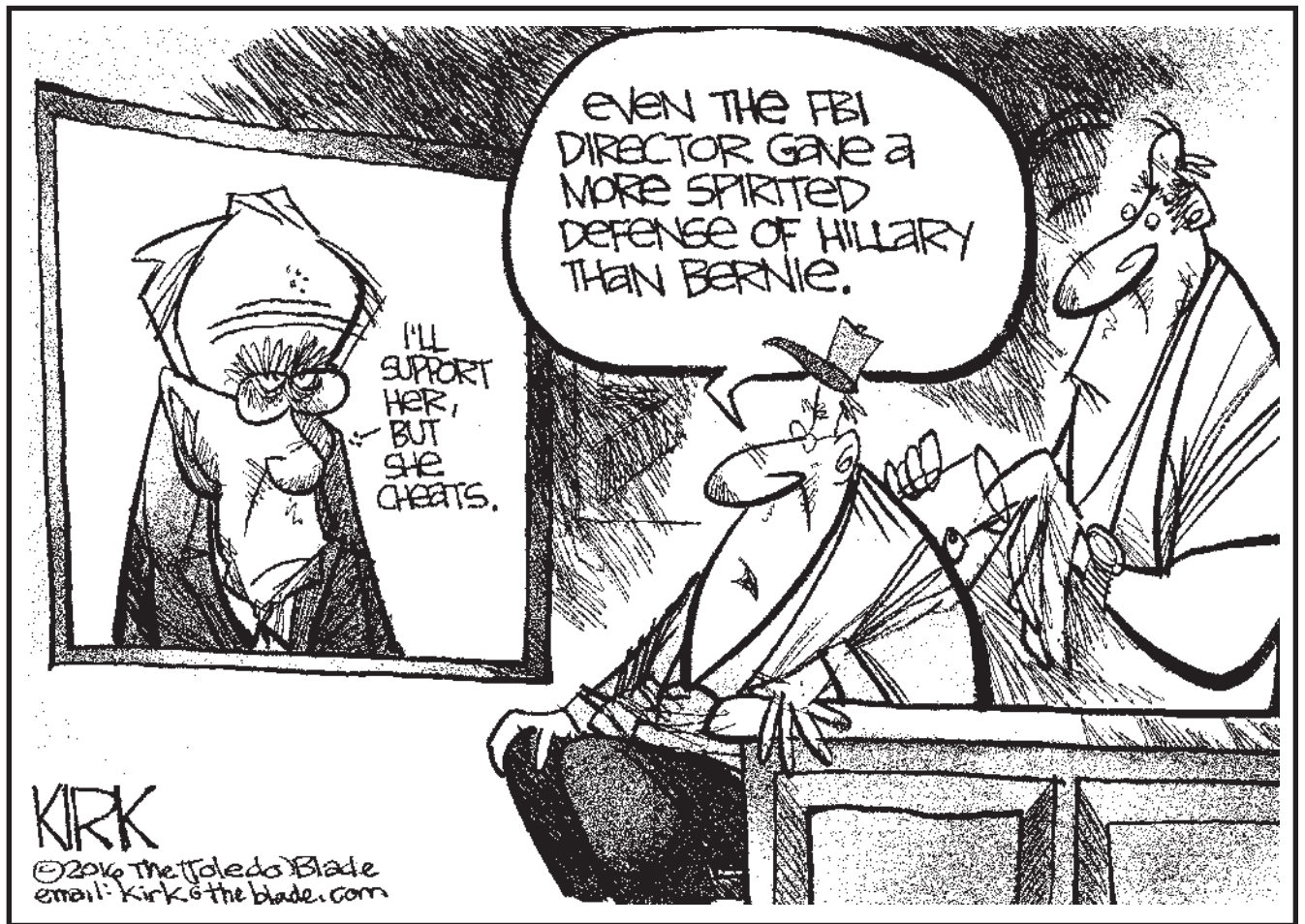
In all likelihood, Cooper — he bought his ticket as Dan Cooper, but who was he? — did not survive his plot. He appeared to be an inexperienced sky diver: He made a foolhardy night jump into freezing wilderness in a business suit and loafers using a parachute that couldn't be steered. In 1980, a young boy unearthed a package of the money — \$5,800 with serial numbers matching the ransom loot — on the banks of the Columbia River near the Oregon-Washington border. No trace of a body was found, but likely it's out there, in the river or at the bottom of a lake.

Ah, but Cooper was clever: He hijacked a Boeing 727, whose rear retractable door could be opened in flight. He ordered the pilot to fly slowly, below 10,000 feet in altitude, along flat terrain west of the Cascades. As for the stash of found \$20 bills: Had Cooper been dead on arrival and the cash was mere debris, a relic? Or did Cooper shrewdly place this fraction of his haul there to confuse investigators?

At most, one person has firsthand knowledge. The feds looked at more than 800 suspects over the years and eliminated them all.

News accounts, T-shirts, public events and such have kept the spirit of D.B. Cooper alive. Last year, fans of the TV series "Mad Men" noticed that Don Draper, the show's slippery protagonist, was the right age to be Cooper. He dressed, smoked and drank like Cooper, too. As the series finale approached, some viewers speculated that the New York ad man

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Yellow

My Prius C blue car has been scraped in the parking lot a couple of times, once when the perpetrator at a local hotel did not even bother to stop, and I was not able to note down his full plate number, but the scraper was yellow and it left a telltale mark on my hind fender.

My students loved to tell me that they saw my blue car, either while I was driving it, or when it was parked in the school parking lot. I said that, my yellow car has a streak of blue from the scrape of another car. For a while, the students were adamant that the car was blue but the frequency of my repetition took hold and before I knew it, the students were referring to Mr. V's yellow car.

More than the power of suggestion, it was also the power of authority as Mr. V said it is yellow, so it must be yellow. It was terrifying to note the implication of this discovery to the learning proclivity of my class. Their minds were so pliant that a teacher could very well just decide to lead them down the path of imagination and unreality.

No surprise on how this thing came about. The Wehrmacht of Germany, for instance, took the discipline of the nation and grab an ancient notion of Aryan supremacy in Persia that began when Zoroaster divided reality into good and evil. Strangers and foreigners were bad, and the black Africans were definitely inferior to the glories of the Aryan race, a notion that the darling of social Darwinism, seeing the apex of evolution in the lilywhite color of the skin.

We've said this many times before. The discovery that chemical skin whitener was the best selling pharmacy item in Sinosphere, stunned. Yes, I am clear about racial "prejudice" and the lighter skin is preferred in many cultures, but skin whitener among the yellow skinned?

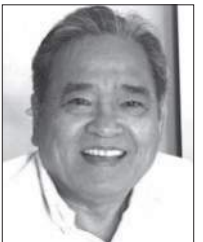
It has not been a century since the Nuremberg "Seig Heil" and the swastika banner draped movie screens but the frenzy shown in that spectacle is baffling to the mind. A picture of "Achtung" with the arm extended out front was once shown with a single person not following the command, later vilified and shunned, probably accused of being a "Jew." The whole German nation was mesmerized by an Austrian corporal's message that Teutons were a superior race, and the scheming Jewish capitalists and intellectuals were the rats on earth.

I lived in the outskirts of Washington, D.C. in the '90s and one of my Vienna neighbors was the National Rifle Association, a powerful lobby in Congress that had nothing to do with gun control. The right to bear arms was guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution, it was claimed, and no foreign or alien Commie can convince the faithful otherwise.

I attended theology school in Dallas in the late '60s, and one of

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my commuting classmates who had a pastorate in a small Texas town outside of the city came to school on weekdays in his pickup and a hunting rifle proudly displayed on his back windshield. He had other guns, of course, which he delighted to show us "aliens" so that we do not mess around with the natives lest we get bored with a bullet hole.

Oh, we were in no danger of getting shot at but the otherwise pleasant older fellow was in earnest about his guns (the rapid automatic was a prized possession) and adamant that the homeland and the women needed to be protected from "foreigners." My being a guest in the land, along with the rest of the token foreign students, was more tolerated than welcomed. I was one of the increasing number of foreigners (Kennedy opened the flood gates in '63); I rode the Greyhound in '65 from Sacramento to Lexington, KY via Chicago. I alarmed many, and those of us we used our brains were more suspect than others. Definitely, we were a threat to the Aryan way of life, American style. We were made to understand that we were watched over rather than related to in a friendly embrace. The white cowpokes were nothing but superior to the lot.

Which is my roundabout way of saying that my first car was a compact, and it was colored "yellow." My blue car on Saipan with the yellow streak to my students was yellow. I was dark skinned and the Latinos from the Hispanic influence across the Rio Grande were my cousins. My name, after all, was in Spanish. And I was definitely "yellow."

I later drove a blue VW square back sedan but it didn't matter. I was still yellow, and that did not refer to the color of my skin.

The car is a status symbol among many cultures in the Far East. The loudness of the exhaust pipe's V-room was the measure of one's importance and potency.

I transited in Nauru many times and mined out phosphates were covered with trash where locals raced their 1100 cc motorbikes brought back from Japan on the empty containers. The winner took over ownership of the losing members' motors. The Japanese ships brought fresh potable water, with the bikes the consolation of parties in both government and those who those who stayed to mind the phosphate.

My Kawasaki in Cebu was 275 cc. It was blue but I was yellow.

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Inebriated with lingo

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There's legislation to require vernacular for graduation from high school here. Theoretically, it asserts that the mandate would ensure the use of vernacular in perpetuity. Both intent and purpose are off course!

Use of vernacular begins at home. What PSS does is reinforcement in formal settings in simple conversations, reading and most importantly, writing. If the written vernacular isn't taught the indigenous children then the lingo fades into history in 25 years time. This is the path we've taken today! Thus my advocacy of the written lingo!

The written material allows students and scholars to exchange knowledge especially the refinement of the indigenous language from the usual approach of western literature. We must include orature! This is our way of passing stories to our children since time begun!

Is there anything so egregiously wrong speaking to our children in their native lingo? Unless we humbly settle down and speak vernacular at home the local lingo is set to fade like strange objects in the rear mirror!

The legislation must be retrieved so pertinent issues are addressed full square. It should include the method and practice of teaching, especially as an academic subject or theoretical concept. This needs defining so we understand the relationship between applied linguistics and language pedagogy or subject-based pedagogy.

Must ask if we now have an official orthography, a simple book of grammar in the vernacular that teaches how to write in Chamorro and Carolinian so pupils could learn syntax or how to ensure grammatical integrity in their writings. Do we now have an official dictionary? Must begin with basics and please, no more disoriented provincial mindset on issues that matter.

As it is we simply grab what's available and employ it in the classrooms and elsewhere. Sadly disorienting like inching our way in a pitch-dark superstorm trying to find safe shelter. Let's bring the experts together so we trump our cards in educated fashion.

Appalling how the teaching of the vernacular is now focused on the use of the media for instructional purposes. Really? I'd be damned if it swims on land but why can't it be explained entirely in Chamorro? Start teaching your kids their native tongue at home!

Manglona's proposal

Employers in either sector would be required to pay CW workers the prevailing or hourly wage per a proposal recently filed by Sen. Paul Manglona this week.

The senator said such proposal would encourage locals to apply for jobs that definitely pay the prevailing hourly wage. Penalties would be provided for employers who fail to meet this future legal requirement.

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would be revealed to be D.B. Cooper. Alas, the Draper character turned out to be nothing more mysterious than the creator of a famous Coke commercial.

As for D.B. Cooper, he was the real thing: not a hero, but a criminal whose crazy, daring story appealed to many people's escapist fantasies. He's allowed a place in American mythology because he didn't hurt anyone and got away. The FBI says the trail ran cold. True, but who knows?

Maybe he's still out there all these years later, cackling, enjoying another D.B. Cooper moment.

Manglona further said measure should bring agency heads together to decide on an annual updating of prevailing wage rate. "Hopefully this would result in establishing and fostering equality in wages for positions in either sector over a two-year period," he said. "We would monitor this aspect of the proposal so it is followed when the measure makes it as law".

For instance, there's no reason why a government engineer should earn more than those in private construction firms. Salaries should be the same for engineers with the requisite academic and professional credentials. "This should encourage local employees to look at private industries for stable and meaningful employment," Manglona noted.

He would further ensure that the NMI practices what it preaches by ascertaining that suppression of salaries for trade jobs turn into a thing of the past!

The challenge beyond 'biba'

Families look around for answers to cushion their pocketbooks. Perhaps the search and rescue effort is being done in all the wrong places. Until they bump into the smiling faces of apathetic and confused alleged policymakers who don't have realistic answers either.

With a record of abysmal performance with report cards filled with failure appalling the gall to seek re-election against the tide of towering fat zeros!

Either the guys are completely clueless or are braving chancing another round of "biba" with suspect hope they'd squeeze by once more. Isn't this tantamount to insulting our intelligence?

Anyway, an election year also brings forth supporters who

learn certain lines in search of beer money. Recalled three guys who visited me saying I'd retain my seat in the Senate. And I wasn't even an incumbent. But came the fatal whisper for \$20 for beer. I showed them my water tank in the backyard. None ever chanced stopping by since.

Another was a candidate doing "house-to-house" who asked for my vote. I quizzed if he could name one issue that could help folks in precinct one. He quickly drew his gun saying there are quite a number of other matters to contend with. It shows he wasn't listening and am I supposed to place my fate at his feet?

I've probed the gall of wishful candidates who still can't find the backdoor at the legislature. It has to do with the suspect power trip and hearing people address them "congressman" or "senator." You could easily work up disappointment listening to sessions in either chamber as the guys and gals grope for words struggling with syntax. You walk out asking: Was this the people I voted for? Yes you did and that makes you part of the same problematic equation.

Graceful moment

Magoo is the relief valve when my mind is loaded with issues that shift into controversy when hillside geniuses fail fiduciary duty. His expression is itself instant fodder for comedy or tummy chuckles. He'd admonish that I need to back off and "let it be".

I've made him the village barometer when gauging the pulse of the community on significant issues. There's no holding back his views on most issues I've raised. What he's expressed is echoed in the voices of most folks everywhere at the village level.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A brief overview on the Independent Living movement

"The history of the independent living movement comes from this philosophy: people with disabilities have the same rights, options, and choices as anybody else." (www.mtstcil.org)

In May of this year, the CNMI's Center for Living Independently (CLI) celebrated its 10th year anniversary of dedicated service to individuals with disabilities in the CNMI. In order to fully understand and appreciate the Independent Living concept, it is important to have a basic historical knowledge of the movement's trials and tribulations.

Folks within the disability arena claimed that the Independent Living movement started as far back as the 1850s when folks with hearing impairments started organizing locally into groups to advocate for their rights. These groups eventually merged into the National Association of the Deaf in 1880. In the 1940s, groups such as the National Federation of the Blind, the American Federation of the Physically Handicapped, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and The League of the Physically Handicapped were also formed thus advancing the advocacy network for folks with special needs. These groups' shared purpose, regardless of the different types of disabilities they represent, was to eliminate barriers to their much-needed services. This was done by way of educating the community about disability issues in order to influence legal policies for better and accessible services. More groups were formed later through the years with the same intent and purpose—a better life! Nothing more, nothing less!

The Independent Living movement gained national notoriety in 1967 at the University of California in Berkeley when a student with a significant disability by the name of Ed Roberts and his colleagues started protesting and advocating for equal access and comprehensive services for students with disabilities. They were known as the "Rolling Quads," and their protest was significant for it brought national attention to the independent living movement and their struggles for equal treatment and lack of services. These individuals were housed together in an infirmary, and as a direct result they developed a communal sense based on common struggles. Along with this new sense of community was the realization that they were an "oppressed minority" rather than "patients" in an infirmary. This newly realized view was and is still significant for it provided a legitimate shift in policies and services from the "medical model" to a "community based model." Simply put, the idea is that people with disabilities were better off living in the community rather than in institutions across the country.

Finally in 1972, with a funding of \$40,000 from the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), Ed Roberts and the "Rolling Quads" established the first Center for Independent Living in the nation in Berkeley, California. The center's purpose was to provide independent living skills training to people with disabilities so they can live independently out in the community. This prompted the federal government in 1978 to amend the Rehabilitation Act to include Title VII, which for the very first time secured and provided funding for the independent living network. Today there are over 600 centers throughout the nation, including CNMI's very own center. These centers provide an array of services for folks with special needs. These services are not limited to the core services, which are peer counseling, advocacy services, independent living skills training, and information and referral.

The CNMI's own center wasn't established until decades later in 2005 through sheer hard work and support from individuals within the local and federal government and members of our island community. The CNMI's Center for Living Independently, or CLI as referred to locally, continues to thrive on endless support from volunteers and members from both the private and government sectors despite limited funds and manpower. The center's two lone personnel along with volunteers from the Independent Living Group (ILG) are working very hard to meet the needs of our residents with special needs. The Independent Living movement continues to be an endless struggle for basic independent living rights. One way to insure continued positive outcome for our people with disabilities is to keep our island community members informed and aware of the movement's ongoing challenges.

As advocates at NMPASI, we have won numerous cases over the rights of people with disabilities to be independent. But we still need the support of our island community as a whole in order for our folks with disabilities to Fully Live Independently!

For more information on independent living issues, please contact the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc. at (670) 235-7273/4 www.nmpasi.org, or contact the Center for Living Independently (CLI) directly at (670) 322-4303.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲90° ▼80°

TUESDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.

▲90° ▼80°

WEDNESDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲90° ▼79°

THURSDAY

Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.

▲90° ▼79°

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲90° ▼80°

Yesterday's Satellite Image

PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Surging trade winds are causing widely scattered showers across Palau within 50 miles of a line from 15N133E to 7N135E and within 100 miles of a line from 7N135E to EQ135E, and just east of Yap within 50 miles of a line from 13N139E to 8N140E. A surface trough runs northeastward from 4N1453E across Chuuk state to 12N155E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are in patchy areas over Chuuk and Pohnpei states within 150 miles of a line from 8N148E to 6N158E. A disturbance northeast of Majuro is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of a line from 14N176E to 7N175E. Divergent upper-level winds are causing scattered showers in patchy areas far northeast of the Marianas between 24N and 20N from 150E to 157E, and from Wake island to Bikini atoll between 17N and 11N from 165E to 175E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▼ 79	▲ 92
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▼ 78	▲ 86
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▼ 78	▲ 89
Chuuk	Sunny	▼ 79	▲ 87
Pohnpei	Sunny	▼ 79	▲ 88
Kosrae	Cloudy	▼ 77	▲ 87
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▼ 82	▲ 87

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Cloudy	▼ 54	▲ 58
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▼ 70	▲ 90
Hong Kong	Sunny	▼ 84	▲ 90
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▼ 74	▲ 84
London	Sunny	▼ 63	▲ 83
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▼ 62	▲ 79
Manila	Thunderstorms	▼ 79	▲ 92
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▼ 54	▲ 64
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▼ 83	▲ 89
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Paris	Sunny	▼ 63	▲ 85
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Rome	Sunny	▼ 62	▲ 93
Salem	Cloudy	▼ 58	▲ 71
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▼ 57	▲ 67
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▼ 68	▲ 84
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▼ 76	▲ 89
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▼ 72	▲ 95

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
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Saipan Harbor			
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5:30 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.85 Feet
12:56 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.21 Feet
7:52 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.78 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:56 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:56 AM	6:50 PM
Thursday	5:56 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:57 AM	6:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:18 PM	4:09 AM
Tuesday	6:10 PM	5:00 AM
Wednesday	7:00 PM	5:54 AM
Thursday	7:50 PM	6:49 AM
Friday	8:37 PM	7:45 AM

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UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily					
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7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily			OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7					
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BSI takes part in inaugural Marianas Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival

The community gathered on Saturday to participate and witness the successful staging of the first ever Marianas Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival.

Best Sunshine International, Ltd., through its Corporate Social Responsibility department, collaborated with several organizations and groups

with the successful outcome of the pioneering festival. It was held at the Garapan Fishing Base.

"I think (Best Sunshine International) is really a part of this community and we like those types of partnerships to move forward with our culture and tradition, especially fishing," said Rosemund

Santos-Sword, president of Blue Continent Communications, which spearheaded the festival.

BSI, through its Corporate Social Responsibility department, collaborated with Blue Continent Communications to provide funding, manpower, and help stage activities for the community. (PR)



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A Best Sunshine International, Ltd.- Corporate Social Responsibility staff member assists youth in the bowling pins game.



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BSI-CSR coordinator Martin Pangelinan poses for a quick photo as he assists children in playing pick-a-duck.



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CSR staff guides and assists children enjoying the bouncy house experience provided by Best Sunshine International.



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A BSI-CSR staff assists children in the bowling pin station.



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETINGS

Subject:
Proposed ROTA WEST HARBOR AND TINIAN HARBOR
MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

To be facilitated by the US Army Corps of Engineers in collaboration with the Commonwealth Ports Authority

PURPOSE

To solicit participation and input from all interested parties or individuals on the scope of analysis for the Integrated Feasibility/Environmental Impact Statement (F/EIS).
The scoping meetings will be held as follows:

ROTA

Regarding the Rota West Harbor Modifications Project

July 18, 2016

Rota Roundhouse, Songsong Village

4:30 pm – Poster Session

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Formal Scoping Meeting

TINIAN

Regarding the Tinian Harbor Modifications Project

July 19, 2016

Tinian Courthouse, San Jose Village

4:30 pm – Poster Session

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Formal Scoping Meeting

SAIPAN

Regarding the Rota West Harbor and Tinian Harbor Modifications Projects

July 20, 2016

CPA Saipan Seaport Conference Room, Charlie Dock, Puerto Rico Village

4:30 pm – Poster Session

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Formal Scoping Meeting

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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE USED EQUIPMENT CPA-PAN-001-16

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority will sell at Public Auction, August 2, 2016 at 3:00 PM used equipment at the ARFF Building Facility, Saipan International Airport. The equipment listing is available beginning July 18, 2016 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All costs associated in the removal, dismantling of the equipment shall be borne by the successful bidder. Bidders are requested to inspect the equipment by contacting Mr. Joey Sablan at telephone number 288-0091, Monday to Friday, 08:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The equipment will be sold "As Is" and "Where Is" and without Warranty. The successful bidder is required to pay 20% down payment on acceptance of bid. Balance shall be payable at the CPA Accounting Office, Saipan International Airport within 5 calendar days from auction closing date. Bidder shall only remove the equipment from the airport premises upon full payment of bid price. Failure to pay will result in the forfeiture of the down payment and equipment. Payment shall be in cash, cashier's check, or money order payable to CPA.

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Inquiries may be directed to the Procurement Officer, Mr. Alex C. Tudela at telephone number 237-6563.

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Miss Teen Marianas & Miss Marianas 2016 Coronation Night

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ



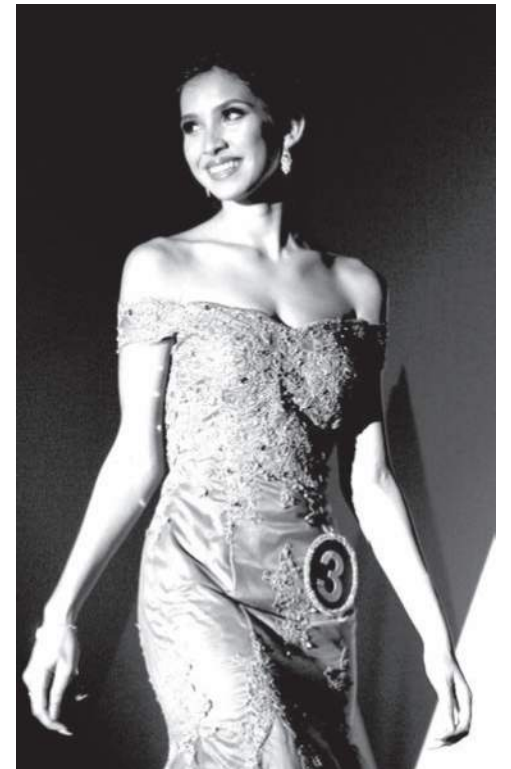
Francine Sablan looks stunning in a red gown during the Evening Wear competition of last Saturday's Miss Teen Marianas & Miss Marianas 2016 coronation night at the Fiesta Resort & Spa-Saipan's Hibiscus Hall.



Joanna Navarro was this year's Miss Marianas 2016 runner-up.



Marie Aldan was the pageant's Miss Marianas 2016 Miss Congeniality.



Miss Marianas Teen 2016 contestant Nicole Meyers is stunning in her evening gown.



Miss Marianas 2016 winner Peachy Quitugua was also the crowd favorite.



Miss Marianas 2016 contestant Maricris Zapanta wows the crowd with her curvaceous form.



Miss Marianas 2016 contestant Angelyn Labadan takes the stage in the swimsuit round of the pageant.



Miss Marianas Teen 2016 winner Palanga Taimanao looks elegant in a white gown.



Miss Marianas Teen 2016 contestant Jyawanna Joyner smiles to the crowd during the Evening Wear competition.



Lexee Leesang was the Miss Marianas Teen 2016 Miss Congeniality.

Business

US economy looks resilient as retailers, industry surge

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans spent more money at retailers and factories revved up production in June, offering encouraging signs of the U.S. economy's resilience in the face of global headwinds.

Industrial production shot up 0.6 percent, fueled by a big rebound in auto output. It was the best showing since last August. Meanwhile, retail sales also rose 0.6 percent last month, three times the gain in May, with demand strong in a number of areas.

Inflation pressures remained modest, with consumer prices climbing 0.2 percent in June. Prices are up just 1 percent from a year ago, still well below the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target.

The new reports Friday

came a week after the government's blockbuster jobs report, which showed the economy created 287,000 jobs in June. It marked a major bounce back after a dismal gain of just 11,000 jobs the previous month. May's result, coupled with a lackluster showing in April, had raised worries that the U.S. jobs machine was starting to sputter.

Analysts said the strong job growth in June and solid consumer spending should provide good momentum for the economy heading into the second half of the year.

The economy grew at an anemic 1.1 percent rate in the first quarter, as measured by the gross domestic product, held back by a slowdown in consumer spending and troubles in manufacturing.

Analysts are hopeful that GDP growth strengthened to 2 percent or better in the second quarter, and many are looking for further acceleration in the current quarter.

"It is beyond doubt that consumers have shaken off their winter blues," said Chris G. Christopher Jr., director of consumer economics at IHS Global Insight. "Despite rising gasoline prices, consumers are opening their wallets." Christopher said that consumer spending and housing would help bolster growth going forward.

Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at MUFG Union Bank, said he believed GDP would be closer to 3 percent in the spring quarter, led by a surge in consumer spending.

White House: Budget deficit to rise to \$600B

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House on Friday predicted that the government's budget deficit for the soon-to-end fiscal year will hit \$600 billion, an increase of \$162 billion over last year's tally and a reversal of a steady trend of large but improving deficits on President Barack Obama's watch.

The disappointing figures, while expected, come after the deficit has steadily declined since the huge \$1.4 trillion deficit Obama inherited after the deep 2007-2009 recession and the associated fiscal crisis.

The improving economy, tax increases on higher-income earners and cuts to annual agency budgets have helped close the gap over Obama's tenure. Many economists say the longer-term picture is troubling and warn that the rising debt will be a drag on the economy in the future.

The budget and economic update also officially downgrades the White House's view of the economy, predicting growth of 2.2 percent this year instead of the 2.7 percent growth rate it predicted in its February budget. But it also says inflation will stay in check, predicting a 1.1 percent increase in consumer prices versus the 1.4 percent it forecast in the winter.

"Over the last seven years, the administration and the American people have worked to rebuild our economy and ensure that it is the strongest, most durable economy in the world," the director of the Office of Management and Budget, Shaun Donovan, said in a blog post accompanying the report. "The President's Budget builds on that progress. It makes critical investments in our domestic and national security priorities."

Neither Democrat Hillary Clinton nor Donald Trump has focused much on deficits and debt in their presidential campaigns, but the rising figures may lend more urgency to the issue.

Trump has promised huge tax cuts that analysts say would pour trillions of dollars of debt onto the government's books. Clinton has promised tax increases on the wealthy but would turn around and spend the money on infrastructure, subsidizing college education and other initiatives.

open of trade Friday, shares that were hammered when a prominent hedge fund manager unleashed a blistering attack on the company almost four years ago.

Since that time, Herbalife has become a proxy battlefield for major Wall Street players who took opposing sides, some shorting the company's stock believing it would collapse, while others bought huge caches of Herbalife shares.

Herbalife dodges most serious charges from US

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal regulators closed an investigation of the multinational, nutritional supplements company Herbalife, which has for years been dogged by accusations that it was run as an elaborate pyramid scheme.

Though Herbalife was ordered to restructure its U.S. operations and pay a \$200 million settlement Friday, it avoided being classified by the U.S. as a pyramid scheme.

Under the settlement announced Friday, Herbalife must rework the way in which it pays its salespeople. They must be compensated for selling Herbalife products, and the company must scrap incentives that reward them for

recruiting other salespeople.

A business model that rewards participants for bringing in others to take part in an enterprise is essentially the base model of a pyramid scheme.

"The settlements are an acknowledgment that our business model is sound and underscore our confidence in our ability to move forward successfully, otherwise we would not have agreed to the terms," said Herbalife Chairman and CEO Michael Johnson.

News that the U.S. Federal Trade Commission was closing its two-year investigation without labeling Herbalife as a pyramid scheme sent shares soaring by 16 percent at the

Nation

Trump presents 'partner' Pence, but no doubt who's the star



AP
Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, right, applauds Gov. Mike Pence, R-Ind., left, during a campaign event to announce Pence as the vice presidential running mate on, Saturday, July 16, 2016, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Donald Trump presented running mate Mike Pence to the nation Saturday, hailing the Indiana governor as his "first choice" and "my partner in the campaign." But he left no doubt in a sometimes awkward event that Pence's role will surely be as sidekick to the businessman-turned-reality-star-turned-politician at the top of the ticket.

Glancing at notes, Trump lauded Pence's personal character and conservative credentials. Then he moved on to draw sharp contrasts between the newly formed Republican team and Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Yet the announcement lacked much of the stagecraft typically associated with the

public unveiling of a running mate, one of the most significant moments under a presidential campaign's control.

The only sign onstage in the Manhattan hotel ballroom bore only Trump's name. The two men appeared together just briefly. And Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, spoke for nearly 30 minutes before calling Pence to the stage.

His far-ranging remarks devoted more time to recapping his primary victories—and he even found time to tout his new hotel in Washington—than introducing the relatively unknown Pence to America's voters.

"All right, back to Mike Pence," Trump said at one point after a long tangent

8 years after hope and change, voters are angry, anxious

ARVADA, Colorado (AP)—Eight years ago, Barbara Conley was one of the millions of Americans swept up in Barack Obama's promises of hope and change when he accepted the Democratic nomination at a packed football stadium a few miles from her home in the Denver suburbs.

But those optimistic days are almost unrecognizable to Conley now.

With Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton preparing for their own nominating conventions, the 68-year-old independent is filled with so much frustration at the candidates and the political system that propelled them to victory that she can't even imagine voting in November.

"I'm so mad about both of the candidates," said Conley, who finds Clinton too dishonest and Trump too unproven to be president. She paused while loading groceries into her car and declared, "It's depressing."

Less than four months be-

fore Election Day, that same sense of anger and anxiety runs deep with voters across the country. Trump and Clinton will each try to paint a rosy picture of life under their leadership during their back-to-back conventions, but it seems unlikely either can quickly shake Americans out of their bad mood.

A stunning 79 percent of Americans now believe the country is heading in the wrong direction, a 15-point spike in the past year, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll. Voters are strikingly unhappy with the candidates who will be on the ballot this fall, with only 22 percent saying they would be proud to see Trump win and 27 percent to see Clinton.

Julie Defoe, a 51-year-old who works for a startup, said she feels backed into a corner by the nominees. A self-described conservative Democrat who voted for Republicans in the past two

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Asia

PH won't sacrifice sea feud victory in China talks

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines will fight for its landmark arbitration victory to be upheld when it talks about resolving its South China Sea disputes with China, which has refused to recognize the ruling, the government lawyer said Friday.

The Philippine position disclosed by Solicitor General Jose Calida runs against that of China, which opposes use of the tribunal ruling as basis for any negotiations. New President Rodrigo Duterte has sought talks with China to resolve the territorial row and revive relations, saying Chinese officials have promised to finance railway projects he has envisioned for the country.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told a briefing that China welcomes Duterte's willingness to start talks. "The door to settling the issue through dialogue and negotiation has never been closed," Lu said. However, he reiterated Beijing's stance that the tribunal ruling should not be the basis for any action between the sides.

Under a 1982 U.N. treaty governing the world's oceans,



^{AP}
New Philippine Solicitor General Jose Calida talks to the media during a break in the forum on Tuesday's ruling by the Hague-based UN international arbitration tribunal favoring the Philippines in its case against China on the dispute in South China Sea Friday, July 15, 2016 in suburban Quezon city, north-east of Manila, Philippines.

"historic win" in a forum on the ruling and said the Duterte administration would work to have the widely praised decision upheld when it holds proposed talks with China.

"The award is a historic win not only for the Philippines but for the international community because it renews the humanity's faith in a rules-based global order," Calida said in a speech. "The award is a crowning glory of international law."

Calida later told reporters that "the baseline for any negotiation should be the deci-

sion," adding "we will not concede any awards given to us."

While prodding China to "respect" the decision, Calida said the government would deal with Beijing diplomatically to foster better relations.

"The Philippines will not sacrifice what we have obtained from this decision but we will also pursue diplomatic means hopefully to convince China that we can co-exist peacefully," he said.

"We will be patient, of course, and hopefully China will also show the same grace that we have shown when we did not, as wanted by some sectors of society, gloat about this victory," he said.

Despite the ruling protecting Filipino fishing rights in the Scarborough Shoal, Chinese coast guard ships blocked Filipino fishermen Thursday from approaching the disputed area that is traditional fishing grounds for Filipinos.

the Philippines had sought arbitration in 2013 on several issues related to territorial rifts with China. In its ruling Tuesday, the tribunal found China's far-reaching claims to the South China Sea had no legal basis and that Beijing had violated Philippine maritime rights by constructing artificial islands and disrupting Filipino fishing and oil exploration.

Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, brought the case against China and bolstered security relations with treaty ally the United States to deter assertive Chinese actions, considerably straining ties.

Duterte, however, has been more reconciliatory to Beijing and has not celebrated the huge victory. He has ordered government lawyers to study

the ruling and has not disclosed his plan to secure Chinese compliance.

After being sworn in on June 30, Duterte told members of his Cabinet before the ruling was delivered that it should have a "soft landing" when it comes. "We don't taunt or flaunt it," he said.

Calida, however, praised the Philippine victory as a

Indian troops, protesters clash in Kashmir despite lockdown

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Widespread anti-India protests and clashes erupted in dozens of places in divided Kashmir, even as authorities prevented tens of thousands of people from offering Friday prayers in big mosques with a lockdown in place for a seventh straight day.

Government forces armed with automatic rifles and in riot gear ordered residents to stay indoors around the region, but protests started after people prayed in smaller, neighborhood mosques. Troops fired live ammunition, pellet guns and tear gas to dis-

perse rock-throwing crowds who chanted pro-freedom and anti-India slogans.

At least one teenage boy was killed and two others injured after army soldiers fired guns to stop hundreds of villagers who attacked their camp with rocks in northern Kupwara area, said a police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to talk to reporters. Another young man was killed and two others injured on Friday evening after troops fired at protesters in southern Yariyore village, he said.

Earlier, in the same village

at least seven policemen were injured, one seriously, after someone hurled a grenade at a police station during clashes, the officer said.

At two other places, in northern Baramulla and Sopore areas, six people, including two siblings, were injured in the clashes, the officer said.

Four injured, one reported to be critical, were brought to the main government hospital in Srinagar, the key city in the region, which has struggled to treat hundreds of wounded in clashes spread over nearly a week.

The largest protests in years erupted last weekend after In-

dian troops killed the young leader of the largest Kashmiri rebel group in a gunbattle. Burhan Wani had been the face of Kashmir's militancy. The clashes have killed at least 34 people, mostly teens and young men, and a policeman.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan, and most people in India's portion resent the Indian troop presence and want independence or a merger with Pakistan. Since the 1990s, more than 68,000 people have been killed in Kashmir's uprising against Indian rule and the subsequent Indian military crackdown.

Bangladesh police deny any rescued hostages in their custody

NEW DELHI (AP)—Police in Bangladesh denied Saturday that they're still holding a British man and a University of Toronto student who have been missing since being rescued during this month's bloody attack on a restaurant by radical Islamists, saying they've questioned and released the men.

Hasnat Karim, the British national, and Tahmid Hasib Khan, the student, have not been heard from since being questioned following the July 1 attack, according to their families and New York-based Human Rights Watch, which

says the authorities are still holding the men.

But Masudur Rahman, a Dhaka police spokesman, said Saturday that neither man was still being held by police. "They are not in our custody. We don't know anything," Rahman told The Associated Press.

He would not confirm reports that they were still in the custody of any other agency as part of the investigation into the attack.

Five armed gunmen attacked the Holey Artisan Bakery restaurant on the night of July 1, killing 20 people and

holding others inside hostage. Security forces stormed the restaurant on July 2, killing the gunmen and rescuing the remaining 13 hostages. Those killed were nine Italians, seven Japanese, three Bangladeshis and one Indian.

Human Rights Watch said all of the hostages except for Karim, 47, and Khan, 22, were released by the authorities on July 3.

Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Rights Watch, said Saturday that "Karim and Khan have not had access to a lawyer, and the police continue to deny holding them

although they are clearly still being held by the Detective Branch. The authorities need to either charge or release them immediately."

Earlier in the week, Amnesty International expressed its concern over Khan's safety and urged the government to disclose his whereabouts.

The Islamic State group claimed the responsibility for the attack. The claim was rejected by Bangladesh's government, which said IS has no presence in the country and instead blamed the local radical group Jumatul Mujahideen Bangladesh.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Vice President Biden makes stop in American Samoa's capital

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP)—Vice President Joe Biden made a refueling stopover in Pago Pago while en route from Hawaii to Australia and New Zealand. While on the ground Friday, he was able to shake hands, say hello and take photos with more than 100 residents including several young children. The vice president's plane was on the ground for nearly 90 minutes. American Samoa Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga led the local delegation to meet Biden. "This is awesome for my son, this is historical and myself and my son will never forget this," Tini Ierome said after both she and her 9-year-old son, Jacobson Ierome, took separate photos with Biden. "I wanted my son to meet the vice president because it's history when a vice president of the nation visits."

8 killed after construction elevator falls in east China

BEIJING (AP)—Eight people in an eastern Chinese city were killed when the construction elevator they were in plummeted from an apartment building, the local government said Sunday. The Longkou city government in Shandong province said on its official microblog

page that the elevator fell from the 18th story of the building under construction. Eight people who were in the elevator when it fell Friday were immediately taken to hospitals but none survived, the government said. Despite improvements in recent years, work safety remains a problem in China, where regulations are routinely ignored and cost-cutting by management often lead to accidents.

Vietnam detains dozens in anti-China protest in Hanoi

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Dozens of Vietnamese who gathered for an anti-China protest in central Hanoi were taken away by authorities Sunday as they tried to rally support for an international tribunal's ruling rejecting Beijing's claims in the South China Sea. About two dozen people were bused away from around the landmark Hoan Kiem Lake in the capital even before they began their protest. There was heavy police presence around the lake with cars briefly banned from around it. The rally was organized by No-U group in Hanoi, which opposes China's expansive claims in the South China Sea. It came after The Hague-based Permanent Court of Arbitration last week issued the ruling in a case initiated by the Philippines, which together with Vietnam is one of the claimants in the disputed waters.

World

France calls up reserves to boost security after Nice attack

NICE, France (AP)—Seeking to quell fear and criticism, the French government called up thousands of police reserves Saturday to increase security around the country, after the Islamic State group claimed responsibility for a beachfront Bastille Day attack that security forces failed to thwart.

From the Nice seashore to the seat of French politics in Paris, critics lashed out Saturday at President Francois Hollande's Socialist government, asking how a country still under a state of emergency after previous carnage from Islamic extremist attacks could have let this happen again.

As Nice's coastal promenade along the Mediterranean Sea reopened, tourists and residents paid tribute to the 84 people killed and the 200 wounded in Thursday night's

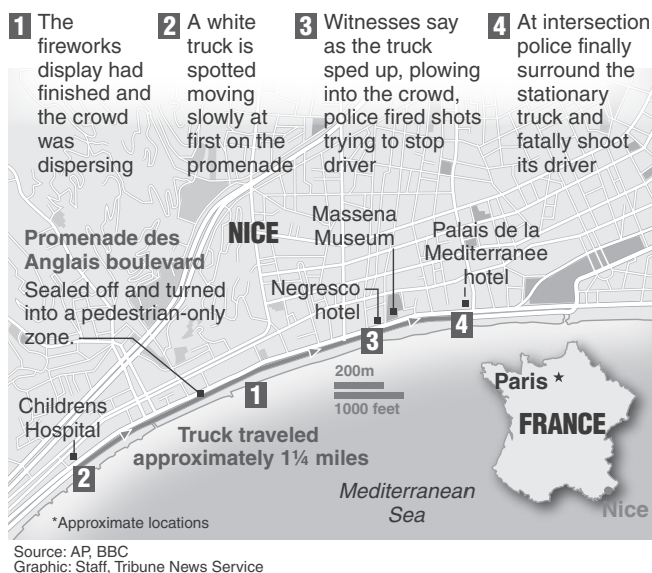
attack, their blood still jarringly visible on the pavement. The solemnity was only punctured when a pair of plainclothes police officers tried to drive through the crowd, prompting angry shouts of "Shame!" The officers backed away after a brief standoff.

Hollande held an emergency security meeting Saturday, and late in the day Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve announced he would call up 12,000 police reserves in addition to more than 120,000 police and soldiers already deployed around the country "because of the terrorist threat."

Cazeneuve tried to defend his police force's record, but his words rang hollow. He made similar statements after attacks in January 2015 at a kosher supermarket in Paris and the Charlie Hebdo news-

Bastille Day terror in Nice

At least 84 dead and 202 injured as a truck plows into crowds watching fireworks on Bastille Day in Nice



paper that killed 17, and again after the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris on a rock concert, the na-

tional stadium and cafes that killed 130.

Defense Minister Jean-

Yves Le Drian said a special terrorism vigilance force created after the 2015 attacks will be extended through the summer, with more deployments outside Paris and more attention to tourist sites and crowded events.

The investigation, meanwhile, focused on attacker Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, a 31-year-old Tunisian who had lived in Nice for several years, and whether he acted alone while driving a truck through the holiday crowd. He was shot dead by police Thursday night—and witnesses who saw him said he appeared determined to kill as many people as possible.

The Islamic State group said Saturday that the attacker was one of its "soldiers," the first claim of responsibility. It didn't name Bouhlel, but the statement, quoting an IS secu-

rity member, said he was following IS calls to target citizens of the countries fighting the extremists.

The veracity of the group's claim couldn't immediately be determined, but French officials didn't dispute it.

What is known publicly about Bouhlel so far suggests a troubled, angry, sometimes violent man with little interest in the group's ultra-puritanical brand of Islam. Neighbors described the father of three as a volatile man, prone to drinking and womanizing, who was in the process of getting a divorce. His own father, in Tunisia, said his son did not pray or fast for Ramadan, the Muslim holy month.

But in a statement to reporters, Cazeneuve hinted that Bouhlel may have had a last-minute adoption of a more extremist worldview.

France attacker menacing, volatile; jihadist ties a question

NICE, France (AP)—The rogue driver who turned a night of fireworks and fun into the worst carnage the French resort city of Nice has seen in decades appeared aloof and menacing to his neighbors and family, while authorities said Saturday that he had recently turned to religious extremism.

The Islamic State group claimed Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel as one of its "soldiers" on Saturday, but what little is known so far about the 31-year-old Tunisian suggests a troubled, unpleasant person who showed little outward interest in Islam.

Bouhlel was born in Msaken, a town in Tunisia, but moved to France years ago and was living in the country legally, working as a delivery driver. At one point he married, and later moved to an apartment bloc in the Quartier des Abattoirs—the Slaughterhouse District—on the outskirts of Nice.

Neighbors described the father of three as a volatile man, prone to drinking and womanizing, who was in the process of getting a divorce.

"I saw him four times a day," said Jasmine Corman, who has lived in Bouhlel's pale yellow apartment building for six months. "He wasn't very nice. ... He was handsome, but his face was miserable."

Back in Tunisia, Bouhlel's

father said his son was prone to violent episodes during which "he broke everything he found around him."

"Each time he had a crisis, we took him to the doctor, who gave him medication," Mohamed Mondher Lahouaiej Bouhlel told BFM television, even showing journalists what he said was a document about his son's psychiatric treatment.

Bouhlel said his son hadn't visited Tunisia in four years and hadn't stayed in contact with his family.

"What I know is that he didn't pray, he didn't go to the mosque, he had no ties to religion," said the father, noting that Bouhlel didn't respect the Islamic fasting rituals during the month of Ramadan—an account seconded by neighbors in Nice.

Bouhlel had had a series of run-ins with the law in France for threatening behavior, violence and theft over the past six years. In March, he was given a six-month suspended sentence by a Nice court for a road-rage incident in which he attacked another driver with a wooden pallet.

His court-appointed lawyer, Corentin Delobel, said he observed "no radicalization whatsoever" of Bouhlel and Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said Bouhlel was never placed on a watch list for radicals.

Crowds rejoice; Failed coup strengthens Turkey's president

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Rather than toppling Turkey's strongman president, a failed military coup that left more than 250 dead appears to have bolstered Recep Tayyip Erdogan's immediate grip on power and boosted his popularity.

Tens of thousands marched through the streets in half a dozen Turkish cities late Saturday, waving flags and singing songs in an emotional outpouring of support for the long-time leader as security forces rounded up military personnel it branded coup supporters and launched a purge of judges seen as government opponents.

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)—Turkey's state-run Anadolu news agency says detention orders have been

issued for 53 more judges and prosecutors while 52 military officers have been rounded up for their alleged roles in the failed coup.

The reports Sunday followed an intensive crackdown against the judiciary and the military in the wake of the botched coup Friday night against Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Officials say about 3,000 soldiers, including officers, are already in detention. Almost a similar number of judges and prosecutors have been dismissed.

Still, the coup appears to have boosted Erdogan's popularity. Clapping, singing and dancing, thousands of government backers celebrated the defeat of the coup in public squares in Ankara and Istanbul into the wee

hours Sunday, bolstering support for the man who's led Turkey for over 13 years.

Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said the perpetrators of Friday's failed coup "will receive every punishment they deserve," and the government said it would take steps toward extraditing a U.S.-based cleric it accused of fomenting the uprising.

The government threat of further crackdowns raised concerns over the future of democracy in Turkey, which has long prided itself in its democratic and secular traditions despite being in a tumultuous region swept by conflict and extremism.

The coup attempt began late Friday with tanks rolling into the streets of the capital, Ankara, and Istanbul

as Erdogan was enjoying a seaside vacation. Explosions and gunfire erupted throughout the night.

It quickly became clear, however, that the military was not united in the effort to overthrow the government. In a dramatic iPhone interview broadcast on TV, Erdogan urged his supporters into the streets to confront the troops and tanks, and forces loyal to the government began reasserting control.

The unrest claimed at least 265 lives, according to a tally compiled from official statements. Yildirim said 161 people were killed and 1,440 wounded in the process of putting down the coup attempt. Turkey's acting chief of the general staff, Gen. Umit Dunder said at least 104 "coup plotters" had died.

Thousands of Venezuelans enter Colombia for food, medicine

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—Tens of thousands of Venezuelans poured into neighboring Colombia to buy food and medicine on Saturday after authorities briefly opened the border that has been closed for almost a year.

A similar measure last week led to dramatic scenes of the elderly and mothers storming Colombian supermarkets and highlighted how daily life has deteriorated for millions in Venezuela, where the economy has been in a freefall since the 2014 crash in oil prices.

Colombia's foreign ministry said in a statement that at

least 35,000 Venezuelans entered Colombia on Saturday, and their entry took place "in an orderly manner and under conditions of security." The border was opened for roughly eight hours and will be opened again on Sunday, it said. Roughly 35,000 people also crossed during last week's 12-hour border opening.

Saturday's opening took businesses in the Colombian border city of Cucuta by surprise since it had been announced that the border would be opened on Sunday.

Colombian Defense Minister Luis Carlos Villegas said

"we have made a great effort to have sufficient supplies" for the Venezuelans expected to stream across the border on Saturday and Sunday.

Gov. Jose Vielma of the Venezuelan border state of Tachira said that President Nicolas Maduro supported the opening, ordering that people "not be disturbed" when they crossed into Colombia.

Maduro blames the shortages of food, medicine and basic staples in Venezuela on his opponents, who he accuses of trying to sow economic chaos to oust him from office. His critics accuse his socialist

government of economic mismanagement.

Maduro ordered the 1,378-mile (2,219 kilometer) border shut in August 2015 to clamp down on criminal gangs smuggling over the border goods and gasoline sold at subsidized prices in Venezuela.

Before it was closed, more than 100,000 people daily used the two main crossings, according to the Venezuelan government. That has shrunk to just 3,000 a day, many of them students and sick people given special day passes, non-profit groups working in the region say.

Focus

The Nice victims: Losses spanned 3 generations, 7 nations

By The Associated Press

The terror attack on a festive Bastille Day crowd in France indiscriminately killed locals and foreigners alike, men, women and children. The driver of a truck slammed into the festivities Thursday taking the lives of 84 people, including six from the same family. Among those who've been identified were Americans, Germans, Ukrainians, Swiss, Tunisians and a Russian.

Here are portraits of some of the victims:

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Igor Chelechko was a father of four who was actively involved in the Russian Orthodox community in Nice.

The 48-year-old moved to the French Riviera town several months ago, according to Andrey Eliseev, the priest at Saint Nicolas Cathedral, in Nice.

The Belgian newspaper *Gazet Van Antwerpen* reports Chelechko lived in Antwerp where he worked for the Russian Orthodox Church in the northern Belgian city.

His Facebook page shows him participating in church activities.

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Laurence Tavet was spending the holiday with her two grandchildren, who were visiting her on vacation. She and her 7-year-old grandson, named Yanis, were killed in the attack, Algerian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abdelaziz Benali Cherif told *Algerie Press Service*, the official government news agency.

Tavet was married to an Algerian and was to be buried in her husband's homeland, along with Yanis, Cherif said.

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Four-year-old Yannis Coviaux loved to throw pebbles into the sea.

He and his parents, who are Nice residents, were joined by friends at the Promenade des Anglais to watch fireworks. Michael Coviaux told *Le Parisien* newspaper that his son was a little farther away with his friends when the truck barreled through the crowd.

"My immediate reaction was to grab my wife and throw her out of the way ... when I got up, there was a huge crowd, and I prayed to God that Yannis was safe and sound," he said.

Then, Coviaux saw his son, not far away, lying in blood.

"When I saw him, I understood right away. ... He resembled Aylan, the little

refugee boy who drowned on the beach in Turkey," Coviaux told the newspaper.

He grabbed his son and ran toward the nearest hospital. A car with three young men inside stopped and drove until the vehicle came upon an ambulance. There, physicians took the little boy and tried unsuccessfully to revive him.

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David Bonnet was a man who loved hunting and fishing, and he was the son of a small-town official.

The central French town of Nerondes, where his father is the first deputy mayor, confirmed on its website that Bonnet had died in the attack in Nice.

"This terrible tragedy that has struck the family leaves us in shock—there are no words that might comfort them," the site said.

Bonnet himself was a 20-year resident of the village of Roquebilliere, where he owned a small business raising and selling fish. He is survived by a 21-year-old daughter.

The newspaper *Le Berry Republicain* quoted a friend as saying the close-knit community of Roquebilliere was in a state of shock over Bonnet's death.

"I am completely overwhelmed," said Aime Garnier. "He and I would go hunting together and shared good times."

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Like the attacker, at least three of his victims were of Tunisian descent.

Olfia Ben Souayah Khalfallah, Bilel Labbaoui and Mohamed Ben Abdelkader Toukabri were among those killed, and Khalfallah's 4-year-old son was missing as of Friday, the Tunisian foreign ministry said in a statement on its Facebook page.

Khalfallah was from the French city of Lyon, where she was born in 1985, the ministry said. Toukabri, from the northern Tunisian town of Majaz al-Bab, was in his late 50s and worked as a mechanic in Nice.

Labbaoui, from the western Tunisian province of Kasserine, was in his 20s.

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Six of seven family members who gathered in Nice to celebrate Bastille Day and each other's company died in the attack. The sole survivor was too traumatized to talk to the media, local news outlets reported.

The Republicain Lorrain



AP
A woman pays tribute to the victims of a deadly truck attack at the site of the attack on the famed Boulevard des Anglais in Nice southern France, Saturday, July 16, 2016. French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve says that the truck driver who killed 84 people when he careened into a crowd at a fireworks show was "radicalized very quickly."

as saying "They had so much fun, walked together. Vika took pictures of her. And suddenly all this horror."

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Fatima Charrihi's son told French news media that she was a devout Muslim.

"She wore the veil but practiced a true Islam, not the terrorist version," Hamza Charrihi was quoted as saying by the newspaper *L'Express*.

He said he believes she may have been the first to die in the attack, struck down as she walked on the promenade with some nieces and nephews. He said another son performed CPR on her, but the mother of seven died on the pavement.

The son showed French media a residency card belonging to his mother, but her nationality wasn't immediately clear.

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Linda Casanova Siccardi, one of the two Swiss nationals confirmed to have died, is described in a trade union newsletter as one of the country's first female customs officials.

A 2009 article in the *Garanto* newsletter says Casanova started in customs in the late 1970s and was the first woman from Ticino to receive a diploma as a customs specialist.

She described attending customs school at an old military barracks in Liestal and breaking through the barriers of a male-dominated industry that hadn't yet adjusted to women in the workplace.

Aside from work, she told the newsletter her big passions were animals, nature and long walks.

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Emmanuel Grout was a high-ranking officer, deputy commissioner of the local border police, but he was off-duty and enjoying the fireworks with his girlfriend and her daughter when he was killed.

Grout, 48, oversaw police operations at Nice's airport, French media reported.

France's police ranks lost "a great personality," former Nice mayor Christian Estrosi said in a tribute to Grout.

newspaper identified the victims as retirees Francois Locatelli, 82, and Christiane Locatelli, 78; their daughter, Veronique Lyon, 55; and Mickael Pellegrini, 28, their grandson. The family had gone for a brief holiday to the French Riviera. They met up with Veronique's in-laws—Gisele Lyon, 63, and Germain Lyon, 68—who also were killed. Their son, Christophe Lyon, was the sole survivor.

The Locatellis were well-known in the township of Longwy in northeastern France, where Francois had worked as a heating engineer and his grandson taught high school economics and social studies at the Lycee des Recollets.

"The large Recollets family has just lost one of its own," the school said on its website. "We join the family in their enormous pain and distress."

According to the *Liberation* newspaper online, Christiane Locatelli "loved to laugh." She was a formidable woman who liked orchids and postcards, her older sister, Jacqueline, told the newspaper. Locatelli had just sent her sister a postcard from her Mediterranean vacation.

"She asked about my health. In the end, she was killed by a jerk," Jacqueline told the newspaper.

Veronique's in-laws were mourned by their hometown of Bram, in southern France.

"We cry this evening for these innocent people who came to spend an evening with their family and then found themselves facing a murder frenzy by this man," Mayor Claudie Mejean said on her Facebook page.

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The Copeland family, from a town near Austin, Texas, was

taking in some of Europe's classic sights on vacation, starting with the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain.

Sean Copeland, the 51-year-old father of the family, and his 11-year-old son, Brodie, were killed in the truck attack while other family members survived.

"We are heartbroken and in shock over the loss of Brodie Copeland, an amazing son and brother who lit up our lives, and Sean Copeland, a wonderful husband and father," said a statement released by family friend Jess Davis.

Sean Copeland was a vice president at a software division of Lexmark Inc., a business automation firm, where a former co-worker remembered him as someone devoted to his family and a charismatic and generous person who wanted others to succeed.

"He was one of those guys you couldn't help but like," said John Dorr, who was hired by Copeland for his first software sales job 20 years ago. "He was always happy, always smiling."

Brodie was in the honor choir and active in sports at Lakeway Elementary School, Principal Sam Hicks said in a statement. Aaron Cable, head of player development for the Hill Country Baseball Club, told the *Austin American-Statesman* newspaper that Brodie was a mature, funny, "one-of-a-kind kid" who aspired to be an actor or comedian.

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As the president of an athletic club in his hometown of Marcigny, Robert Marchand was in Nice with some club members for a sports league meeting, according to *Le Journal de Saone-et-Loire*, a regional newspaper.

He never made it back to his

home in east-central France. Marchand, 60, was killed in the attack, Marcigny Mayor Louis Poncet told the newspaper.

He was "a very dedicated man, an enthusiast who elevated the athletic club to its highest level," Poncet said.

Marchand, a married father of a daughter, was also a coach and an all-around good sport. When the club's young athletes put on a show in 2014, Marchand played his part by staging magic tricks with his wife, according to an account at the time in the newspaper *Le Pays*.

He worked for a company that specializes in security systems for the military, French media said.

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In his last moments of life, 27-year-old Timothe Fournier was more concerned about his pregnant wife, pushing her out of the path of the truck.

"He was a dreamy young man, but he was always there for her and their future child," a cousin named Anaïs told French radio.

It was unclear whether Fournier's wife, who was seven months pregnant, escaped unscathed.

The couple lived in Paris and was in Nice for the holiday.

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Viktoria Savchenko, 20, was on holiday with her pal Polina Serebryannikova, both of them students on summer break from Moscow's Financial University.

When the truck sped through the crowd, Savchenko couldn't get out of the way in time. Serebryannikova was hospitalized with injuries, Russian news reports said.

The newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* quoted a friend of the young women, Yulia E.,

Health & Fitness

Forget the gym, workout buffs hit up national landmarks

When college rowing buddies Bojan Mandaric and Brogan Graham vowed to stay in shape post-graduation, they didn't want to shovel out hundreds to join a gym or even drop \$20 for a yoga class. So they returned to one of their most grueling college workouts: the stairs at Harvard Stadium.

Five years later, there are nearly 800 others running those steps with them at 6:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Their routine, known as the November Project, now has thousands of participants and free workout clubs in 20 cities, capitalizing on what's become a popular fitness trend, with other groups and individuals also gathering in iconic spots to get their sweat on.

Sites include national monuments, historic landmarks and other public spaces around the country, ranging from the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., to the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, to New York City's Gracie Mansion, the historic home where the mayor lives.

The mountains of stairs and wide stone platforms at these sites are ideal for box jumps, step routines and tricep dips. Often the workouts must be held at dawn before the tourist crowds arrive with selfie sticks. But the scenic views these landmarks offer cannot be rivaled by looking out the window of a non-descript gym.

"It creates a sentimental way to connect with your city," said Mandaric. "There's a romantic component to it, you're working out, endorphins are flowing, you're meeting cool new people."

In Pennsylvania, the hot spot is the Philadelphia Museum of Art's front steps—best known for the famous scene from the movie "Rocky" where Sylvester Stallone's character culminates his morning jog and jumps triumphantly. CoreFitness' Lauren Krinis' 6 a.m. class draws about 45 people.

"It really is fun to watch people who think, 'I could never run up and down the stairs,' who then go run it four or five times and do a full boot camp class or yoga session. It's probably one of the most motivating places you can work out," Krinis said.

Some parks have imposed restrictions on fitness groups, requiring classes to be free or banning classes above a certain size. National Park Service officials say parks can play an important role in contributing to a healthy America and encourage their use for exercise, but many memorials and mon-

uments have areas where jogging and group workouts are not allowed, in order to "maintain a reflective and contemplative atmosphere."

Still, the National Mall, home to the Lincoln Memorial, hosts International Yoga Day and the Marine Corps Marathon, and November Project groups work out at the Lincoln Memorial steps early Wednesday mornings.

At the iconic Red Rocks Amphitheatre near Denver, Joe Hendricks' free workout on Saturday mornings had been drawing a few hundred people. But two years ago, he said, the city ordered groups with more than 20 people to limit sessions to Sunday only.

Now, roughly 200 join him for a Sunday workout that includes everything from backward crawls up the bleachers to "piggy back" exercises where you carry your partner. Hendricks, 53, leads the workouts alongside several other fitness groups and soloists at the sandstone monoliths where the Great Plains meet the Rocky Mountains.

"It's a workout mecca really for Denver. It's just so energizing to have so many people around you and real motivating. People are high-fiving each other. Most people there are working out much harder than they would on their own," he said.

Kim Wagler leads free boot camp classes and a walking club at the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum in Canton, Ohio, which has 108 steps. "A lot of people are terrified to join a gym because they're afraid of feeling uncomfortable and that's a nice place where there's a wide variety of people there," Wagler said. "You're not just going to show up and everyone is super fit and super lean."

But some visitors have complained about runners and walkers at the monument. "We do not want the grounds to be an outdoor gym. It is disrespectful to the president," McKinley site director Joyce Yut said in an email.

On a recent Wednesday at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, one of the nation's most popular tourist destinations, 39-year-old Mary Kusler was pushing her way through a vicious circuit of 17 times up the steps.

"It reminds you of the beauty of D.C., of the calmness before the craziness of the everyday life here in D.C.," said Kusler, who's been working out at the memorial for two years. "The people are what you come back for. The

stairs and the getting fit in the process is an added bonus."

It's a sentiment that is echoed by other workout groups. Hendricks met his wife of five years at his Red Rocks boot camp.

"It's become almost like a social group," he said. "This summer alone there are nine weddings happening of people that have met at my group."



AP
In this May 25, 2016 photo, members of the running group "November Project" run up and down the stairs of the Lincoln Memorial, in Washington.

In Loving Memory of

† Fidel Barcinas Atalig

"De' or Fidat Rufina"

was called to his eternal rest on Thursday, July 14, 2016

In his new life he now joins his:

Wife: Rufina Delos Santos Atalig

Son: Raymond Delos Santos Atalig

Sisters: Lydia Atalig Taisacan
Antonia Atalig Diaz

Brother: Augusto Barcinas Atalig

Parents: Jose Camacho Atalig yan
Maria Blanco Barcinas Atalig

Parents In-law: Luis Pangelinan Delos Santos
Yan Rufina Celis Delos Santos

Brothers/Sister In-law: Leon Inos Taisacan,
Maria Delos Santos Curb,
Maxima Celis Delos Santos, Ana
Conception Atalig.

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:


Children & Grandchildren:

Marian A. / Marcelo Kileleman (Keith)
Fidel Jr. / Isabel T. Atalig (Jhaneeka, Delsarae,
Maria, Ayanna / Vynzent & Devina)
Joseph/Luisa T. Atalig (Davian)
Dwayne / Kenye A. Atalig (Crystal, Heaven,
Diamonique, Angel & Dwayne Jr.)


Brother: Jose Barcinas Atalig (Maria), Calif.

Reared Son: Ronald Atalig Taisacan

In-laws: Ana/Patrick Brockett, Juanita S,
Crisostomo, Rosalia/Berno S. Borja,
Antonio/Marilyn Santos



My life on earth was very GOOD, As earthly life can go, But paradise is so much more Than anyone can know.



He will be missed by numerous families & friends.

Nightly Mass is being offered @ 6pm @ Santa Soledad & daily on Rota @ San Francisco De Borja Church.

Mass of Christian Burial will be announced at a later date.

Thank you, Si yuus Maase

Children & Family

Life & Style

Corey Feldman celebrates life, new double-CD as he turns 45

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nothing is off the table in an interview with Corey Feldman.

During a wide-ranging conversation over lunch at a San Fernando Valley deli, Feldman talks about his movies, past marriages, his production company and record label, his son, his home recording studio, the group of beauties he calls Corey's Angels, and his new double-album 10 years in the making. But most of all, he talks about gratitude.

As Feldman turns 45 Saturday, he feels deeply grateful for a contented life, and it shows.

"I feel very grateful and very lucky to be alive still, to have any kind of semblance of normal life," he says. "I am blessed to have a beautiful child, a beautiful home, a beautiful girlfriend and a beautiful career... I don't take any of it for granted."

The former "Goonies" and "Lost Boys" child star says he still does at least one film a year, interspersing acting with writing and recording music.

His latest project is the "Angelic 2 the Core album," 22 tracks he wrote or co-wrote, save for a cover of John Lennon's "Working Class Hero." Feldman's first full solo album



In this May 25, 2013 file photo, Corey Felman performs in Los Angeles. His latest project is the "Angelic 2 the Core album," his new double-album 10 years in the making.

since 2002's "Former Child Actor" was released June 22.

While recovering from his second divorce and the deaths of his grandfather and close friends Michael Jackson and Corey Haim, Feldman poured himself into music, building a recording studio in his house and tinkering on every instrument. The result is the genre-hopping album, which features such artists as Snoop Dogg and Fred Durst,

and Feldman playing everything from drums to keys to bass and guitar.

The album spans electronica, hip-hop, hard rock and even a gospel choir. Disc one is all dance music and dedicated to Jackson; Disc two is rock-based and dedicated to Haim.

"There's something for everyone," Feldman says. The lyrics are personal and positive, with songs for his

girlfriend, Courtney, and son Zen, now 11.

The entertainer's "attitude of gratitude" comes from a practice of daily prayer and nightly self-evaluation to see where he can improve. Positivity was a survival method during what he describes as a "heinous" childhood.

A survivor of abuse by his mother and molestation by men in the entertainment industry, Feldman also struggled

with drugs and a battered public image that made him the butt of many a late-night comic's jokes. He's been sober for more than 25 years.

If the public ridicule hurt his feelings, it hasn't stopped him from being warm and open. He wrote candidly about his life in his 2013 memoir, "Coreyography,"

which he says is being adapted for the big screen.

Feldman also hasn't lost his sense of humor. The album cover features two of his Angels—the beautiful, young women whose careers he says he's working to jump start—and he poses for a "Tiger Beat"-style centerfold inside the lyric booklet.

Hollywood reacts to 'Pokemon Go' craze

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Pokemon Go" has caught the public's attention—and Hollywood is no exception.

Actors, athletes and musicians are alongside the millions of fans searching for Pokemon creatures. Ellen DeGeneres, Chrissy Teigen, Demi Lovato, Steve Aoki and Soulja Boy are among the celebrities who've posted about the augmented reality sensation on social media.

NBA player Karl-Anthony Towns had to resist the urge to pull out his smartphone at Wednesday night's ESPY Awards to hunt for one of the cutesy pocket monsters.

"I played it coming here, and I haven't taken my phone out to play it yet, but I'll be very upset if I missed a Pikachu around here," said Towns on the award ceremony's red carpet.

The addictive, location-aware smartphone game from Niantic Inc. blends the "Pokemon" universe with the real world, providing digital incentives for players to visit landmarks and capture creatures depicted on screen.

"I'm killing it," said professional snowboarder Chloe Kim at the ESPYs. "I was in Oregon recently, and we stayed in a really small town, spent the whole day walking around catching Pokemon because it was raining, so we couldn't do anything. It was so fun."

While celebrating his supporting actor Emmy nomination for "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," Andre Braugher lamented that he hasn't been able to log into "Pokemon Go" since downloading it.

"I think it's because billions of other people around the world are trying to do the same thing and they just don't have the capacity," said Braugher. "My son was able to get on and is catching Pokemon right now. I'm a little jealous."

"Better Call Saul" star Bob Odenkirk, who is up for an

Emmy in the leading drama actor category, pointed out the similarities between the game and a 1997 skit on his sketch comedy series "Mr. Show." The bit featured a pair of dumb Americans awkwardly completing a scavenger hunt in the Anne Frank house.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Arlington National Cemetery and many other sensitive locations have asked Niantic to remove them from the game.

"Oh, people will stop playing it in about six weeks," predicted Odenkirk. "I haven't played it. I'm more of a news junkie than a 'Pokemon' junkie."

"Downton Abbey" executive producer Gareth Neame believes the series' stuffy Crowley family would have cautiously accepted last week's "Pokemon Go" debut, just as they did the refrigerator and radio.

"I guess any adventurous and addictive entertainment would probably be something they'd embrace," Neame deadpanned.

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" filmmaker J.J. Abrams called the craze "fascinating," but he's not addicted to tracking down Ponyta or Charmander.

"I'm not actively playing," said Abrams, who also produced the upcoming "Star Trek Beyond." "I had to try it out because I'm a human being who has kids."

Tony Robbins, the best-selling self-help speaker and subject of the Netflix documentary "Tony Robbins: I Am Not Your Guru," believes "Pokemon Go" is just scratching the surface of the emerging augmented and virtual reality mediums.

"It is wild, the world that we're entering into," said Robbins. "'Pokemon' is a cartoon by comparison. When the real stuff hits, you're going to see how popular it's going to be."

Ailes seeks to move Carlson case to arbitration

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox News chief Roger Ailes is seeking to move former anchor Gretchen Carlson's harassment case against him from a New Jersey court to a closed arbitration panel in New York.

Carlson, who left Fox last month, has accused Ailes of retaliating when she refused his sexual advances and complained about harassment in the workplace at the nation's top cable news channel.

The charges compelled Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., the news network's parent company, to launch an internal investigation. Meanwhile, other women have come forward to accuse the media executive of sexual misconduct in cases that predated Fox's 1996 launch, and a succession of Fox personalities have publicly expressed support for their boss.

Ailes, in court papers filed Friday, said Carlson's contract compelled her to submit to arbitration for employment disputes. His lawyer, Susan Estrich, said Carlson's lawyers have led a "concerted smear campaign" against Ailes and, in court papers, said the mo-



In this May 18, 2010 file photo, TV personality Gretchen Carlson appears on the set of "Fox & Friends" in New York.

tive is to convince Ailes to pay a large settlement to make the case go away.

"Her attempt to game the system so as to avoid the arbitration clause for her client's

baseless allegations is contrary to law and unsupported by the facts," Estrich said.

Ailes said it made no sense for a New Jersey court to hear the case since his primary residence and Fox's offices are in New York, and Carlson lives in Connecticut. Ailes also owns a home in New Jersey.

Carlson, in her lawsuit, alleges that Ailes told her in a private meeting about her workplace complaints that "you and I should have had a sexual relationship a long time ago." She said her resistance led to Fox not renewing her contract; Fox said it was unhappy with her ratings.

Through lawyer Nancy Erika Smith, Carlson argued that the arbitration clause doesn't apply because she's suing Ailes, not Fox. She objected to forcing Carlson to relive her case in a private arbitration in front of her accuser and away from the public.

Smith said Ailes is trying to "judge shop" because he didn't like the judge assigned to her case.

"We feel confident that the law will not allow such maneuvering," she said.

Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin finalize divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin are officially uncoupled after a judge finalized their divorce.

The judgment signed by a Los Angeles judge on Thursday provides few details, but states neither Paltrow or Martin will pay spousal support.

The actress and Coldplay frontman married in December 2003 and have two children together, ages 12 and 10.

In March 2014, the pair announced they were separating and undergoing a process called "conscious uncoupling." The announcement on Paltrow's lifestyle website, goop, drew atten-

tion to the term coined by Los Angeles therapist and author Katherine Woodward Thomas, who has created a five-step "Conscious Uncoupling" online process.

Paltrow filed for divorce the following month, citing irreconcilable differences.

She won an Oscar in 1998 for her role in "Shakespeare

in Love." Martin and his band Coldplay have won six Grammy Awards.

AP

This Jan. 11, 2014 file photo shows actress Gwyneth Paltrow, left, and her husband, singer Chris Martin at the 3rd Annual Sean Penn and Friends Help Haiti Home Gala in Beverly Hills, Calif.



Katy Perry releases 'Rise,' first new song since 2013



Katy Perry has released a new single that marks her first new music since her smash 2013 album, "Prism."

Perry delivers soaring vocals on the song, "Rise," to match inspirational lyrics, which include the line, "Victory is in your veins."

The song is being released ahead of next month's Olym-

AP

In this April 3, 2016, file photo, Katy Perry arrives at the 51st annual Academy of Country Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

pics and Perry says NBC has chosen to use it as an anthem for the Rio Games. Perry has also put out a video for the song featuring Olympic athletes, including Gabrielle Douglas, Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt.

Perry explains in a statement that she released the song now instead of waiting for her next album because there's "a need for the world to unite." She says she can't think of a better example of coming together than the Olympic athletes. (AP)

Bonnie Brown of the country music trio the Browns dead at 77

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Bonnie Brown, one of three siblings whose smooth harmonies as the Browns influenced generations of singers from the Beatles to Lady Antebellum, died Saturday at age 77.

Her publicist, Kirt Webster, said Brown died in Little Rock of complications from lung cancer.

With older siblings Jim Ed Brown and Maxine Brown, the three helped define the Nashville sound of the 1950s and '60s. They were inducted in 2015 into the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum after Jim Ed's death earlier that year.



AP

In this March 25, 2015 file photo, Bonnie Brown, speaks about being elected into the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tenn.

The Browns were from Sparkman, Arkansas. They began singing at school and

church functions. In 1952, Maxine entered Jim Ed in a talent contest, but he lost first

place to a harmonica player, according to the Hall of Fame's website. The radio station that ran the competition was impressed anyway and made him a regular.

Maxine soon joined him on stage and in TV appearances and the duo began recording hits. They were joined by their little sister, 18-year-old Bonnie, in 1955 and the trio's version of "Here Today and Gone Tomorrow" made it into Billboard's country Top 10. The Browns were signed by RCA Records in 1956 and by the next year had more hits with "I Take the Chance" and "I Heard the Bluebirds Sing," along with others.

Amazon's Jeff Bezos gets cameo in new 'Star Trek' film

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Amazon founder Jeff Bezos got to live out every Trekkie's fantasy by playing an alien in the new "Star Trek" movie.

Bezos is listed in the credits for "Star Trek Beyond," the third installment of the rebooted sci-fi franchise. In interviews Friday, producer J.J. Abrams and director Justin Lin confirmed his appearance in the movie.

Lin said the billionaire CEO arrived with plentiful security for a day of filming and waited patiently for crews to shoot the single tracking shot that

includes his character.

"He was awesome," Lin said. "It was like a president was visiting, you know? He had a big entourage! But it didn't matter because he was so into it. He had to wait around all day because it was one day we were shooting like three different scenes and, it was also credit to Jeff because ... he just nailed it every time."

Bezos has spoken in interviews of his passion for "Star Trek" and said his childhood dreams of space led him to found his private space travel company, named Blue Origin.



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In this May 5, 2016 file photo, Jeff Bezos, the founder and CEO of Amazon.com, speaks in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington.

Summer temperatures turn closed cars into deadly ovens

DEAR ABBY: With summer here, many families will do at least some traveling, which involves spending significant amounts of time in the family car or truck. I'd like to remind your readers that it is now illegal in many states to leave a child, a disabled person or a pet unattended in a vehicle for ANY length of time. The reason is that temperatures inside a vehicle—especially with the windows rolled up—can rise to dangerous, even deadly, levels very quickly.

Tests by the National Weather Service have shown that when it's 80 degrees F outside, the interior of a vehicle with the windows rolled up, or just cracked open, can reach 123 degrees within 60 minutes! Such temperatures can induce heat exhaustion, or worse, heat stroke, within a very short time, and quickly kill a child, a pet or a disabled person.

Abby, I urge you in the strongest terms to help spread this vital warning and prevent needless tragedies of this kind. As the National Weather Service says, "Look Before You Lock," and "Beat the HeatCheck the Back Seat!"

TOM THE STORM SPOTTER

DEAR TOM: I'm pleased to help you bring this information to the attention of my readers. I was shocked when I read a report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration stating that an average of 38 children have died in hot cars each year since 1998. More than 70 percent of

those deaths were children younger than 2 years of age. How tragic! And readers, not parking in direct sunlight won't make the car significantly cooler. Heat stroke deaths have occurred even when the vehicle was parked in the shade.

DEAR ABBY: My family recently moved to a new state and was blessed to find a wonderful new church to attend near our home. There's only one drawback. We have a young toddler, so we sit in the cry room during Mass. At our previous church, the cry room was a place for us to practice church etiquette with our son so that we could someday sit with the rest of the congregation without disturbing the Mass.

The culture at this church is different; the cry room seems more like a playroom. Seeing all the other children running around makes keeping my toddler sitting in the pew nearly impossible (think major meltdowns). If we allow him to play with the other children, we spend the Mass feeling like we've failed as Christian parents. The result is that neither my husband nor I has felt fully present at a Mass in months. Do you have any suggestions for how to reconcile this issue?

MISSING MASS

DEAR MISSING MASS: From where I sit, you're not only being overly hard on yourselves as parents, but also your small child. Please discuss this with the priest at your

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new church. Allowing your child to be a child isn't "bad Christian parenting." Few toddlers have a long enough attention span to sit through Mass. The cry room is designed to be like a playground so the children will learn to enjoy going there every Sunday and want to keep coming back until they're old enough for Sunday school. And that's a GOOD thing.

P.S. A way for you and your husband to focus on the Mass each Sunday would be to alternate taking your child to the cry room.

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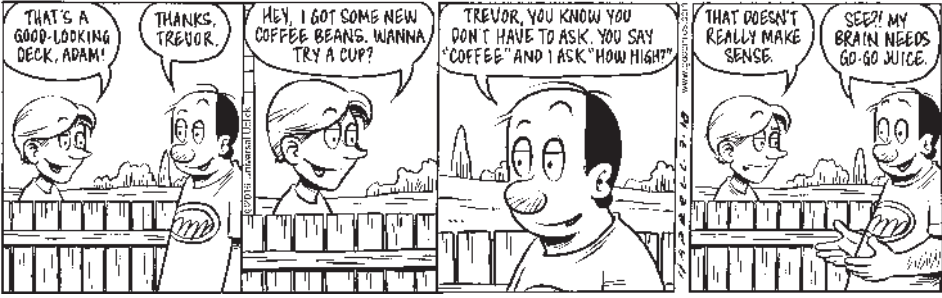


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Solution time: 27 mins.

Friday's answer 7-18

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chace Crawford, 31; Kristen Bell, 36; Vin Diesel, 49; Wendy Williams, 52.

Happy Birthday: If you can dream it, you can achieve it with a little imagination and ingenuity. A realistic and passionate approach to your goals will give you the courage and determination to see matters through to the end. Stay on track no matter what others do. If you have to do things on your own, forge ahead without fear. Your numbers are 7, 18, 24, 27, 33, 42, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An emotional incident will take you by surprise. Be willing to compromise and find a way to make things work, and you will be the hero instead of the scapegoat. Charm and willpower will help you come out on top. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take advantage of an opportunity that offers you the chance to try something new and learn different skills. A short trip will be enlightening. Invest in something that will help you expand your interests and financial goals. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check your bank balance before offering to make a donation or spend money on something you don't need. A conservative approach to whatever you do will bring good results and ease your stress. You can make improvements without going into debt. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will fluctuate when it comes to dealing with colleagues and clients. Do your best to listen and offer suggestions in a

diplomatic manner. Do something physical to ease your stress. You'll encounter someone who will encourage you to make personal improvements. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put everything you've got into your work, and don't stop until you are happy with the results. Show some enthusiasm. You have plenty to gain if you are disciplined in working to bring about positive changes. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be the driving force behind new projects. Your strength, courage and foresight will prompt others to pitch in and help. Don't give in to demands put on you by someone who is insecure and needy. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll face opposition at home. Look at all sides of your situation and make a concerted effort to show compassion and understanding. If you cannot resolve matters, back away and focus on self-improvements. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll do a good job when it comes to delivering your plans to people who can help. A short trip will allow you to show what you have to offer as well as discuss your intentions. Don't let anyone discourage you. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you apply the information you receive to a job you are asked to do, you will excel. You can make changes at home, but don't take on improvements or expenditures you cannot afford. Romance is highlighted. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotions will flare up if you don't channel your energy wisely. Focus on what you can do to improve your financial situation. A healthy and safe environment will give you a base to build on. Check out an unusual offer. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stay on top of any unfolding situations. If you are lazy or leave matters in someone else's hands, you will have regrets. Discipline and hard work will pay off, especially when it comes to making personal improvements. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your persuasive tactics will help you get you what you want. A partnership will offer more than you anticipate. Learn from past experiences and you will develop a strong and fruitful alliance with your colleagues. ****

Birthday Baby: You are curious, perceptive and enduring. You are intense and demanding.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

SHAPING EYEBROWS

Solution: 5 letters

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British Open: Stenson leads Mickelson by a shot

TROON, Scotland (AP)—Henrik Stenson and Phil Mickelson delivered what everyone expects out of a major championship.

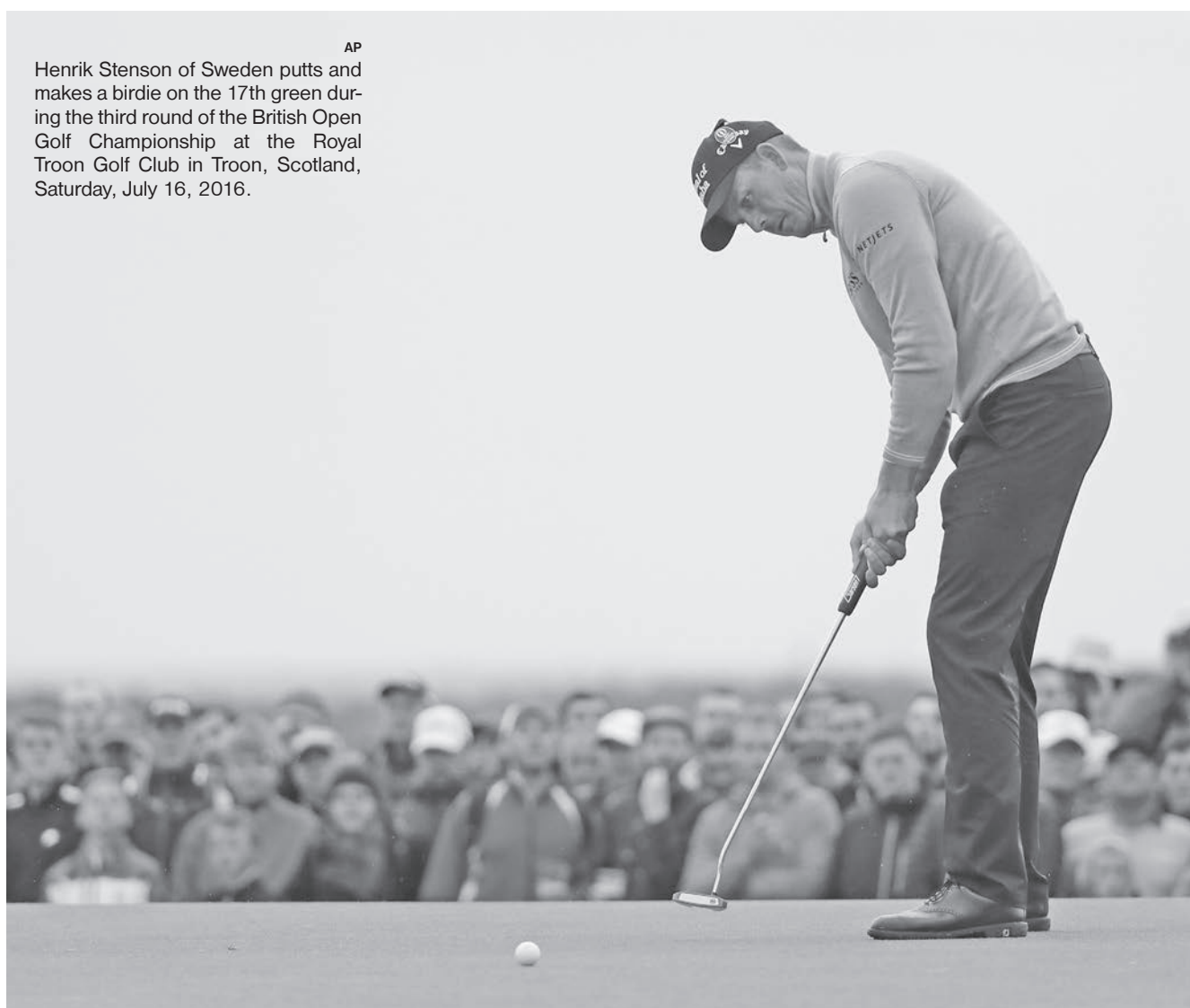
They matched birdies and improbable par saves. Momentum could change with any shot. The lead changed four times over four hours of golf at its highest level, played in the cold wind and occasional rain off the Irish Sea. All the British Open lacked Saturday was a winner.

Turns out this was only the preview to a duel at Royal Troon.

Stenson took the lead for the last time with another two-shot swing on an inward par 3, and he kept it with a nifty up-and-down on the 18th for par and a 3-under 68, the second straight day that no one had a better score.

That gave the 40-year-old Swede his first lead in a major, even if it was just one shot over someone who already has five majors and his name on the claret jug.

"There's only one thing that matters tomorrow," Stenson said. "I know he's not going to back down, and I'm certainly going to try to not back down, either. So it should be an exciting afternoon. ... I've worked hard these first three days to put myself in this situation and I'm going to try my hardest tomorrow to finish the job."



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Henrik Stenson of Sweden putts and makes a birdie on the 17th green during the third round of the British Open Golf Championship at the Royal Troon Golf Club in Troon, Scotland, Saturday, July 16, 2016.

Links golf can deliver some strange finishes, though this had all the trappings of a two-man race on Sunday.

Stenson had his third straight round in the 60s—no

one has ever won at Royal Troon with all four rounds in the 60s—and was at 12-under 201. He is trying to become only the eighth player dating to Old Tom Morris in 1861 to

win his first major after turning 40.

Mickelson, winless since he lifted golf's oldest trophy at Muirfield three years ago, had a 70. His game was no-

where near as sharp as his opening-round 63 that tied a major championship record. Even so, he came up with the rights shots at the right time until Stenson passed him late in the afternoon.

"Some days it's easy and it looks pretty like the first couple," Mickelson said. "Some days it's hard and it looks terrible, like it did today. But either way, I shot three rounds under par."

He made a 25-foot birdie putt on the 13th hole for a two-shot lead. Stenson answered with a 5-iron to 6 feet for birdie on the next hole to tie for the lead when Mickelson three-putted, only his third bogey of the week.

Mickelson regained the lead with a pitch to 4 feet for birdie on the par-5 16th, only for the Swede to answer again, this time with an all-out 3-iron into the wind on the 220-yard 17th hole to 20 feet. Mickelson lost the lead by missing the green to the left and making bogey.

Everyone else felt like mere spectators.

Bill Haas, a six-time winner on the PGA Tour who is rarely heard from at majors, was solid with a 69 and alone in third. It's his highest position ever in a major, yet he was six shots off the lead. Another shot back was Andrew Johnston, the Englishman with a big belly and beard to match who goes by "Beef." He broke par for the third straight day with a 70.

It was unlikely to matter.



This was all about Stenson and Mickelson, two powerful players with different styles and different credentials, mainly the number of majors—five for Mickelson, none for Stenson. Mickelson spoke earlier in the week about not having as much pressure knowing he already has won them.

Not since Davis Love III and Justin Leonard shared the lead and were seven shots clear of the field in the 1997 PGA Championship has the final round of a major took on the appearance of match play.

"I was happy enough to throw two good punches in there on the par 3s and pick up two shots on either one of them to come back out on top at the end of the third round," Stenson said. "I've always been of the thought that it's better to be one ahead than one behind, because that means Phil's got to play better than I do."

Mickelson finished three shots ahead of Stenson three years ago at Muirfield when Lefty closed with a 66 in one of the best final rounds of a major. He hasn't won another tournament since, and at age 46, it appeared time was running out.

A victory Sunday would give him six majors, same as Nick Faldo and Lee Trevino. He also would be the third-oldest major champion behind Julius Boros (48) and Morris, with whom Mickelson shares a birthday—June 16, albeit 149 years apart. The 1861 Open was played in September.

Stenson was on the verge of falling two shots behind until he holed a 40-foot par putt on the 10th. Two holes later, Mickelson was in danger of losing the lead when he pushed his 2-iron toward trouble and was fortunate the ball deflected off a piece of prickly gorse. He had just enough room to hammer it up the fairway, and then played a shot rarely seen in links golf—instead of running it up along the ground, he spun it back down a ridge to 6 feet for a key par.

"I got lucky that that ball didn't go into the gorse, even though I didn't have a back swing," Mickelson said. "I still had a chance to advance it a little bit. I still hit a good shot to advance it down the fairway like I did, and found a way to get up and down."

Now, they have one more round, this time with a claret jug at stake.

Riley wishes he'd done more to keep Wade in Miami



MIAMI (AP)—A contrite Pat Riley revealed Saturday that he blames himself for Dwyane Wade's decision to leave the Miami Heat, adding that he wishes he could have done more to keep the three-time champion.

Riley, the Heat's president, said if he had the chance, he would have handled Wade's free agency differently. Wade signed a \$47 million, two-year deal with the Chicago Bulls earlier this month, leaving Miami without its franchise leader in several categories and sparking a rebuilding project for a franchise that was in the NBA Finals just two years ago.

"I didn't make it happen. Dwyane left and so the buck really stops here," Riley said. "I'm not trying to fall on the sword for anybody. I have great regret that I didn't put myself in the middle of it and immerse myself totally in the middle of it, get in a canoe and paddle to the Mediterranean if I had to."

Riley wasn't in New York when the Heat last met with Wade on July 6, only a few

hours before the 12-time NBA All-Star announced that he was picking Chicago. That last meeting was handled by Heat managing general partner Micky Arison and CEO Nick Arison, and in that session, the team's offer of a \$40 million, two-year deal was raised slightly—though not to the level of what Chicago was able to pay.

Riley said he believes Wade's decision wasn't fueled by money, but rather something else.

"That is where we both failed ... I more than he, because he's the asset, he's the star, he's the face of the franchise," Riley said. "I should have done everything that I could have verbally in trying to change his mindset to mine, a big picture, a better picture, or one that I thought would help him."

Whether that would have worked is unknown, and irrelevant now anyway. Wade went home to Chicago, and for the Heat it's now time for the aftermath that follows whenever there's a superstar-level goodbye. Riley has been through it plenty of times before in Mi-

ami, whether it was Alonzo Mourning or LeBron James or Shaquille O'Neal or Brian Grant or Eddie Jones.

This, Riley said, is different. "We've had a tough summer," he said.

Riley said he hasn't spoken with Wade since he decided to leave the Heat. Riley has been working on an email to send Wade at some point, and he expects that when they see each other again, a warm embrace will be involved. Wade indicated the same when he spoke in Miami on July 9, not hiding that there were some hurt feelings but insisting that he will not speak ill of his experiences with Riley.

"My thoughts were always to try to make the team better and at the same time try to make sure that Dwyane, over the course of the three, four, five years that he had left in his career, that he was going to get his money," Riley said. "He would get it -- but not at the expense of paralyzing our ability to win. If there's anything I could have done better, I would have done it. But right now, there's no do-overs in this thing."

Riley spoke for nearly an

hour, addressing both the past and the future. The Heat still don't know if Chris Bosh—whose last two seasons were cut short at the All-Star break by the formation of blood clots—will be able to play again. Bosh is working out and has told the team he intends to play, but that's hardly a guarantee he will actually be cleared and ready when training camp starts in late September.

The Heat have been unable to give detailed updates on Bosh's medical status since February. Riley said he can envision a number of scenarios eventually being considered, including ones where Bosh may have a lesser workload in terms of the rigors of travel.

Before any of that, though, Bosh needs to be cleared and deemed able to play.

"It's a positive environment right now with Chris," Riley said. "I think his doctors and our doctors are constantly, or moreso now than ever, communicating. I know what Chris wants. I know he wants to play. And obviously we would be open to that, but this is still a very fluid situation."

Darvish returns with 9 Ks, but Cubs down Rangers



CHICAGO
(A P)—Anthony Rizzo's

two-run double helped spoil Yu Darvish's return to the Rangers as Chicago beat Texas, 3-1.

In his first start since June 8 because of shoulder pain, Darvish (2-1) reached 98 mph and struck out nine while giving up two runs and two hits in 4 1/3 innings. The Japanese right-hander also walked four and was victimized by some shoddy defense.

Jason Hammel (8-5) struck out seven in six innings for the Cubs, who won their second straight in the interleague matchup of division leaders. Hector Rondon pitched a perfect ninth to complete the three-hitter for his 15th save.

Darvish, a three-time All-Star, was making his fourth start since missing all of 2015 following Tommy John surgery. He was lifted after 90 pitches when second baseman Rougned Odor dropped what could have been an inning-ending double play.

Angels 1, White Sox 0

In Anaheim, Matt Shoemaker pitched a six-hitter and struck out a career-high 13 in his first complete game in the majors, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Chicago White Sox.

James Shields threw a two-hitter but was pitched by Shoemaker, who walked none. Shoemaker (5-9) has allowed only four earned runs in his last five home starts.

Orioles 2, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Chris Tillman became the American League's second 13-game winner as J.J. Hardy's two-run homer to lead Baltimore past Tampa Bay.

Tillman (13-2) gave up one run and four hits, walked three and struck out three in seven innings. Only Chris Sale of the

Chicago White Sox has more wins (14) among AL pitchers.

Cardinals 5, Marlins 0

In St. Louis, Adam Wainwright threw a three-hit shut-out to keep rolling in July, and St. Louis snapped Miami's four-game winning streak.

Jhonny Peralta homered and Stephen Piscotty had two hits, a walk and two RBI.

Wainwright (9-5) struck out five with two walks and didn't allow a hit until Adeiny Hechavarria doubled to open the sixth.

Mariners 1, Astros 0

In Seattle, Hisashi Iwakuma limited Houston to two hits in seven innings, Robinson Cano provided the only scoring with a RBI single in the sixth and the Seattle Mariners beat the Astros.

Iwakuma (10-6) won his fourth straight start to become the first Seattle pitcher to reach double-digit wins. He struck out eight and walked one.

Red Sox 5, Yankees 2

In New York, Sandy Leon homered and drove in four runs, Eduardo Rodriguez again dominated the Yankees in his return from Triple-A and Boston won its season-high sixth straight.

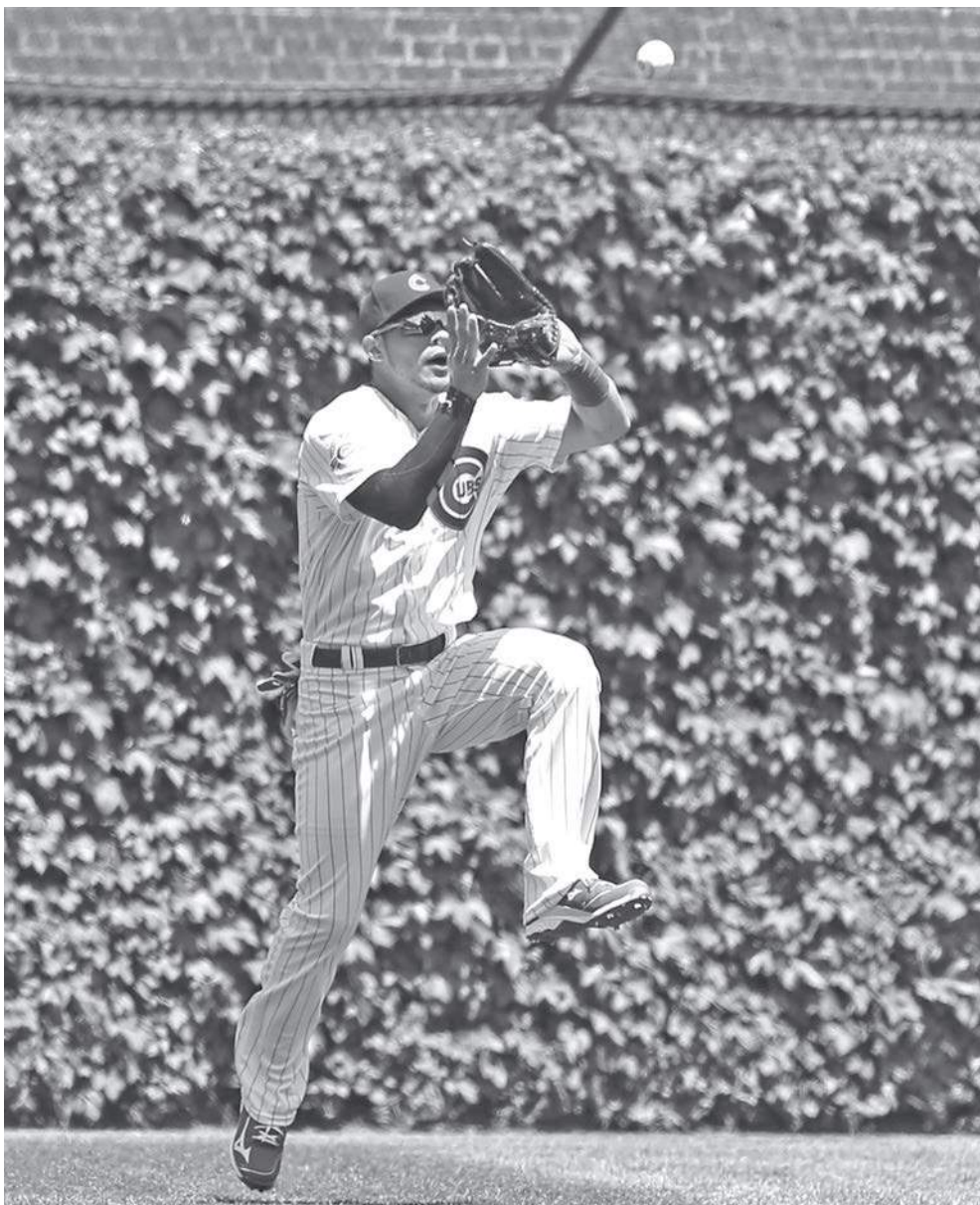
Leon hit his second homer this season and the third of his career in the sixth inning—a three-run shot off CC Sabathia for a 5-1 lead.

Koji Uehara closed for his sixth save.

Padres 7, Giants 6, 10 innings

In San Diego, Adam Rosales singled in the tying run before Santiago Casilla barked home the winning run, and San Diego rallied to beat San Francisco.

The Padres started the decisive rally when Alex Dickerson and Derek Norris singled to open the 10th against Casilla (1-3).



Chicago Cubs left fielder Willson Contreras catches a fly ball hit by Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre during the first inning of an interleague baseball game in Chicago, Saturday, July 16, 2016.

croy's two-run homer started Milwaukee's big third inning, and the Brewers rolled past Cincinnati.

The bottom two teams in the NL Central have split the first two games of their series.

Royals 8, Tigers 4

In Detroit, Salvador Perez singled, doubled, scored a run and drew two of Kansas City's seven walks as the Royals eased past Detroit.

Kansas City scored four runs in the first inning off Mike Pelfrey, who didn't make it out of the second. Every hitter in the Royals' lineup scored exactly once except right fielder Paulo Orlando.

Phillies 4, Mets 2

In Philadelphia, Ryan Howard homered and Maikel Franco singled home the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning to lead Philadelphia.

Carlos Ruiz doubled and had two hits for the fourth-place Phillies, who have won 11 of 15.

Jose Reyes and Travis d'Arnaud drove in runs for the Mets, who have dropped four of five since All-Star slugger Yoenis Cespedes was injured.

Nationals 6, Pirates 0

In Washington, Tanner Roark pitched eight-plus innings of five-hit ball and had an RBI single during a three-run fourth as Washington won its fifth straight.

Roark (9-5) allowed five singles with one walk and five strikeouts in his longest start of the season. He started the ninth but left after allowing a single and hitting a batter before the sellout crowd.

Diamondbacks 2, Dodgers 1, 12 innings

In Phoenix, Jake Lamb drove in the tying run with an RBI double in the ninth inning, and then scored the winner on Brandon Drury's single in the bottom of the 12th to snap Arizona's five-game losing streak.

Lamb opened the 12th inning with a triple into the right-field corner. After two intentional walks loaded the bases, Drury laced a single through the drawn-in infield off Casey Fien (1-1).

Twins 5, Indians 4, 11 innings

In Minneapolis, Joe Mauer

raced home with the winning run when Max Kepler's comebacker ricocheted off pitcher Joe Colon's glove in the 11th inning to give Minnesota a rain-delayed win.

Brian Dozier drove in two runs for the Twins, and Trevor May (1-2) pitched the 11th to earn the win.

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 4

In Oakland, Khris Davis homered twice, Ryon Healy hit his first career home run, and Sonny Gray snapped a 12-game winless streak as Oakland beat Toronto.

Davis was 2 for 4 in his ninth career multi-homer game, three of which came

this season. The A's have homered six times in two games, three of them by Davis.

Rockies 4, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Trevor Story led off the ninth inning with a single, advanced to third on two wild pitches and scored the go-ahead run on a throwing error as Colorado beat bumbling Atlanta.

Boone Logan (1-0) gave up one hit and one walk in the eighth. Carlos Estevez retired the side in order in the ninth to earn his fifth save in eight chances.

Brewers 9, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Jonathan Lu-

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.
(A P)—Super Bowl MVP Von Miller practiced both pirouettes and patience this offseason.

While his dance moves didn't earn him the title on "Dancing With The Stars," Miller's stare-down in contract negotiations paid off Friday when he signed a six-year, \$114.5 million deal with the Denver Broncos that includes \$70 million guaranteed.

That's almost double the guaranteed money the Broncos were offering him in June.

Miller received \$23 million at signing and will earn \$61 million over the first eight months of the blockbuster deal that makes him the highest-paid player outside of quarterbacks in NFL history.

Miller signs record-breaking \$114.5M deal with Broncos

Miller thanked team owner Pat Bowlen, president and CEO Joe Ellis, general manager John Elway and coach Gary Kubiak "for making this possible."

"I'm also thankful for the way my teammates and our fans have supported me," Miller said in a statement. "I'm excited for the future and ready to get back to work."

Miller and agent Joby Branon parlayed patience into a record-breaking deal in terms of overall value and guarantees. Last month, Miller's camp rejected the \$38.5 million the Broncos offered in guarantees, and Miller threatened to sit out the season bar-

ring a long-term deal.

Elway bolstered the offer over the last week and now the man who almost single-handedly destroyed Carolina's championship dreams will lead Denver's title defense that begins Sept. 8 against those Panthers.

"I'm happy that both sides were able to broker a deal that works for both sides," Branon said. "That's the mark of a good negotiation. The Broncos are happy to have Von back and Von's happy to be back."

Miller was in Utah on Friday for an appearance with Whitney Carson, his partner on "Dancing With The Stars,

and Elway was overseas.

"Congrats (at) Millerlite40! Excited for what the future holds for you & our team," Elway tweeted. "Proud of everyone for getting it done."

The cornerstone of the league's best defense accepted the Broncos' blockbuster offer two hours before Friday's deadline, tweeting a photo of himself in his orange No. 58 jersey with the caption "For Life."

Both the overall value of the deal and the guaranteed money are records for non-quarterbacks. The only player with more guaranteed money is Colts quarterback Andrew Luck, the league's highest-



the Broncos' six-year offer that slightly exceeded the \$114.375 million Miami's Ndamukong Suh received in 2015 in becoming the league's highest-paid defender. But they asked for millions more in guarantees.

Fletcher Cox quickly established a new floor for Miller with his \$63.3 million in guarantees, and Luck's deal raised the ceiling for Miller, the star of Super Bowl 50.

After Elway put his exclusive franchise tag on him, Miller skipped the Broncos' offseason program, joining his teammates only for their White House visit and ring ceremony. But Miller stayed in tip-top shape, in part by doing all that dancing on ABC's prime-time hit show.

Draft letter from sports leaders: Ban Russia from Olympics

NEW YORK (AP)—A letter drafted by U.S. and Canadian anti-doping leaders urging Russia's removal from the upcoming Olympics is circulating days before the public release of a report expected to detail a state-sponsored doping system that corrupted the country's entire sports program.

The letter, drafted last week and obtained by The Associated Press, is being prepared to possibly be sent to the International Olympic Committee's president and executive board after the Monday release of a report by investigator Richard McLaren.

The letter, which U.S. Anti-Doping Agency officials say would only be sent if the report details widespread, state-sponsored doping in Russia,

calls for the IOC to act by July 26 to ensure that Russia's Olympic Committee and sports federations will not be allowed in Rio de Janeiro, where the games are set to start on Aug. 5.

The letter encourages exceptions for Russia-born athletes who can prove they were subject to strong anti-doping systems in other countries.

A statement from Pat Hickey, the president of the European Olympic Committee, said the letter "undermined the integrity and therefore the credibility of this important report."

"My concern is that there seems to have been an attempt to agree (on) an outcome before any evidence has been presented," Hickey said.

USADA CEO Travis Tygart said the letter, which



In this July 10, 2016, file photo, Jenn Suhr clears the bar during the women's pole vault final at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene Ore. If Russia's ban is upheld, the absence of world record-holder and two-time Olympic champion Yelena Isinbayeva will leave a hole in the women's pole vault competition.

has backing from anti-doping agencies in at least six countries and athlete groups from around the world, was drafted with no intent for it to become public unless the McLaren report contains evidence of a major state-sponsored doping program.

"Of course, we want and hope for universal inclusion, but we're not blind to the evidence already out there," Tygart said. "And if we're

not preparing for all potential outcomes, then we are not fulfilling our promise to clean athletes."

The McLaren report was sparked by a New York Times story accusing the Russian government of helping to manipulate tests at the Sochi Games to ensure cheaters wouldn't get caught.

Preliminary findings from the report, released last month, found "mandatory state-directed manipulation of laboratory analytical results operating within" the Moscow anti-doping lab from at least 2011 through the summer of 2013. Those findings also said Russia's "Ministry of Sport advised the laboratory which of its adverse findings it could report to WADA, and which it had to cover up."

Atkins Kroll offers 2016 Toyota Highlander as hole-in-one prize at TOC

Atkins Kroll (Saipan) Toyota has announced that it will be offering a brand new 2016 Toyota Highlander as a hole-in-one prize in the 21st Annual Governor's Tournament of Champions.

"Throughout its 21-year history, the Tournament of Champions has enabled the success of many beautification projects and destination enhancement activities throughout the island," said Doug Brennan, general manager of Atkins Kroll (Saipan) Toyota. "We are excited to be a part of this year's tournament and wish all the players luck!"

"We are grateful for the company's contribution and its longstanding commitment to TOC," said Ben Babauta, tournament director.

The TOC will be played at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses on Aug. 6 and 7. The tournament fee is \$200.00.

First place winners in the men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive \$500 cash, while \$400, \$300, a Go-Pro Hero Camera, and \$100 DFS gift certificate will go to



Atkins Kroll (Saipan) representatives pose with organizers of the 2016 Tournament of Champions in front of a 2016 Toyota Highlander, which is featured as a hole-in-one prize in the golf tournament that will be held on Aug. 6 and 7 at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

the second to fifth finishers. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive \$500, \$400 will go to the second placer, and \$300 to the third. The Top 3 winners in the Ladies Low Net will receive trophies.

There will be hundreds of thousands worth of raffle prizes in the two-day tournament, while other hole-in-one-prizes include a \$10,000 from Pacifica Insurance, and one year

free golf from Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

Since its inception, TOC has given over \$700,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has gone directly to improvements like the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palm Resort Saipan, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds

for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the TOC, contact Babauta at 483-2563 or Marida Pensader at 236-2530 or Nicole Babauta at 235-2553. For player information and to download the registration form, visit www.tocSaipan.com. (PR)

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against Ezra and improved to a 4-2 record, the same mark the latter holds, putting the two squads in a tie for second place in the team standings behind idle Joel (4-1).

The lefty shooter drilled Jonah's first 9 points in the second half to give his team more breathing room after the first 20 minutes of play ended at 32-31, in favor of the winning squad.

A two-pointer from Karl Marcellana ended Cruz's string of points, but the latter went on to hit 6 straight markers anew. Then after Joshua Cabrera and Sam Darag converted one basket each, the Saipan Southern High School standout went on another streak (6 consecutive points) to keep Jonah's safe distance against Ezra, which tried to stay in the game behind the successive baskets of Jerald Santiago and Nathan Borromeo.

Santiago went on to top-score for Ezra with his 24

points, while Borromeo chipped in 18. Darag and Cabrera backed up Cruz, adding 14 and 10 markers, respectively.

Meanwhile, Nahum (2-4) got a free win in the second game last Tuesday after Haggai (0-5) failed to field enough players for the match.

Six more games are left in the double-round robin regular season of the youth division and two of them will be played tomorrow. In the curtain-raiser, Jonah will take on Haggai at 6:30pm, while the Ezara versus Joel tiff will follow out. On Thursday, it will be Joel vs Haggai and Nahum versus Jonah. Next Tuesday, the last set of matches will have Joel facing Nahum in the first game and Haggai challenging Ezra in the second.

Jonah 69 — Cruz 33, Darag 14, Cabrera 10, Ponce 6, Marcellana 4, Bordon 2.

Ezra 59 — Santiago 24, Borromeo 18, De Leon 8, Buno 6, Sumpay 2.

Scoring by halves: 32-31, 69-59.

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3:02.72 and 3:22.86, respectively.

In the men's 500m finals, MOC was the runaway winner after checking in to the finish line at the 2:26.44 mark. SPC came in at second with its 2:41.36, while Napu placed third after recording 2:47.14.

MOC duplicated its feat in the 1,000m finale after completing the four-lap race under six minutes with its 5:47.38. SPC was again ranked second with its 6:14.38, while Napu settled for the third spot after posting 6:14.89.

The three other division finals in the 1,000m event produced the same winning

club—SPC. It's 6:51.67 gave SPC the victory in the junior women's category, while Napu was way behind at second after tallying 7:21.11. Hoe Lokahi finished third after registering 8:04.29.

In the junior men's, the title race was a bit close with SPC's 6:19.72 besting the 6:21.29 and 6:21.54 of Hoe Lokahi and Napu, respectively. In the women's division, SPC had nearly 18-second lead over MPP as the former clocked in at 6:45.34 versus the latter's 7:13.48.

Meanwhile, the 16th Mau Fatuul Classic held long distance races and a standup paddling short course competition yesterday and results will be reported in *Saipan Tribune* later this week.

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when a two-run single from Caleb Evaristo at the top of the fight allowed the hosts to gain more distance. Fausto Esmendi and Rafa Roque added two runs off a passed ball and CNMI's error at shorts stop to extend the Philippines lead to 7-2.

The CNMI failed to counter at the bottom of the fifth as it was called for a 1-2-3 inning, while the visiting squad was also without a run in the sixth. An RBI single from Virgil Secharmidal at the bottom of the seventh then kept the Com-

monwealth in the game with two outs and Henry Aguon at third base. However, Aguon was left stranded and the Philippines secured the win and the third place trophy that went with it as Jay Kalen was called for a 4-3 putout play.

The CNMI fell short against the Philippines despite coming off a lopsided victory over Indonesia.

The Lawrence Camachomanaged squad toyed around the defense of Indonesia by scoring the second most runs in the match. Eventual champion Australia, which shut down Guam in last Saturday's

finale, 10-0, recorded the most runs in the tournament when it pounded Indonesia last Wednesday, 33-0.

Tindin Deleon Guerrero led the CNMI's victory over Indonesia, as the catcher went 3-for-4 at bat and made five RBIs. He also scored two runs. Larson Sebatang was only 2-for-5 at the plate, but contributed four RBIs and also tallied two runs.

The Commonwealth got 14 RBIs and went 14-for-31 at bat. It blew the game wide open after exploding for 16 runs in the third inning. Indonesia posted its lone run in the

match at the top of the third inning with Akmal Mizan reaching off a fielder's choice.

The win over Indonesia was the CNMI's second straight, but it came too late as the former had already dropped its first two matches—versus Guam, 7-12, and against Australia, 4-21—undermining the 2014 and 2015 champion's chances to return to the World Series.

Australia, with its perfect run in last week's competition, will represent the Asia Pacific in the World Series that will take place from July 31 to Aug. 6 in Bangor, Maine.

Alvarez vs Urrutia at PXC 54

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Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, left, unloads a body shot against Tiger Muay Thai's Emilio Urrutia during their bantamweight bout in PXC 54 held last July 8 at the University of Guam Calvo Field House.



Tiger Muay Thai's Emilio Urrutia, left, connects on a kick.



Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez raises his arm in triumph after the referee stopped the fight late in the second round.



Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, left, knees Tiger Muay Thai's Emilio Urrutia.



Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, right, puts his arm around the neck of Tiger Muay Thai's Emilio Urrutia.



Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez celebrates after beating Tiger Muay Thai's Emilio Urrutia.



Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, left, celebrates after being declared the winner of his bantamweight bout versus Tiger Muay Thai's Emilio Urrutia.



Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez uses his grappling skills to control Tiger Muay Thai's Emilio Urrutia.



Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez employs a rear-naked choke on Tiger Muay Thai's Emilio Urrutia.

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SPC, MOC top Mau Fatuul Classic



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Saipan Paddling Club's co-ed team leads two Napu squads on their way to the finish line of the 500m preliminary heat during last Saturday's 16th Mau Fatuul Classic held in the waters off Chamolinian Utt in Garapan.

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Saipan Paddling Club and Marianas Outrigger Canoe dominated Day 1 of the 16th Mau Fatuul Classic held in the waters off Chamolinian Utt in Garapan.

SPC recorded first place finishes in the junior women's, women, and co-ed's 500m finals and also ruled

the 1,000m championship races in the junior men's and women's and women's division. MOC, on the other

hand, swept the men's 500m and 1,000m final events.

In the junior women's 500m, SPC clocked in at 3:18.99 to place ahead of Napu Outrigger Canoe Club and Hoe Lokahi, which submitted 3:21.26 and 3:54.88, respectively.

In the junior men's 500m finals, Napu foiled SPC's bid for a sweep, as the former timed in at 2:22 against the latter's 2:37.29. Hoe Lokahi had another third-place finish after registering 2:37.50.

In the women's division, there were only two teams with SPC completing the two-lap race in 3:22 or 13 seconds ahead of Marianas Pacific Paddlers (3:35). SPC was also triumphant in the co-ed division, making it to the finish line way ahead of two Napu teams. SPC broke the three-minute barrier in the 500m finals after logging 2:52.37, while Napu 1 and 2 timed in at

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Cruz lifts Jonah past Ezra

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Jethro Cruz picked up where he left off, powering Jonah to a 69-59 victory over Ezra in the lone game played in the youth division competition in the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-

Color Basketball League last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Cruz, who scored 28 points in their 72-75 overtime loss to Joel last Tuesday, knocked in 33 markers in Jonah's double-digit win over Ezra. Jonah got its second triumph in as many games

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CNMI crushes Indons, but drops consolation match

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The CNMI Senior League All-Stars split their last two games in the 2016 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament to fin-

ish fourth in the World Series qualifying tournament held at the Clark International Sports Complex in Pampanga, Philippines.

The Commonwealth hammered Indonesia, 23-1, in its

final elimination game last Friday to rank third in the preliminary round with its 2-2 record. Only the Top 2 (Australia and Guam) advanced to the title match, leaving the CNMI and the fourth finisher Philip-

ines to play in the consolation match. The hosts went on to avenge their 1-6 loss to the visiting team in the elimination with a 7-3 triumph in the battle for third place game last Saturday.

A four-run top of the fifth inning gave the Philippines enough cushion en route to denying the dethroned champion a Top 3 finish in the five-team field. The Philippines was hanging on to a 3-2 advantage after four completing innings

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The CNMI Senior All-Stars manager Lawrence Camacho gives instructions to his players before they head back to the field during their game against Indonesia in the 2016 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament last week at the Clark International Sports Complex in Pampanga, Philippines.



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Jonah's Jethro Cruz pulls up for a jumper in an earlier game against Joel in the youth division of the Genesis Cup at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. He scored 33 points in their 69-59 victory against Ezra last Thursday.